Bombay police chief Amarjeet Singh Samra said the amount of explosives and weapons recovered since the March 12 bombing blitz in which 1,400 people were injured showed that those who planned the blastswere preparing for what amounted to an unconventional war. The latest haul took the amount of explosives recovered to 3.8 tonnes, along with 438 hand grenades, 10,000 rounds of ammunition and 1,100 detonators. "It's very obvious that something very sinister was cooking up," said Bombay deputy police chief M.N. Singh. "The hombings of March 12 were just the beginning and not the end, because the explosives we have found were intended to be used."



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from Baghdad Friday after postis Askeditz ing a second interim monitoring o cover up; team to assess frag's ballistic (i) Present & weapons programmes and ensure testifying y' that it does not resume produc-tion of probibited long-range mis-are many k siles. But the inspector, Nikita searching a Smidovich, said placement of inthappened terim teams would not free Iraq him and later of obligations to recognise Security Council Resolution 715, which requires a long-term monitoring programme. The latest five-man team — led by American Dennis Vincent and comprising two Americans, two Russians and a German — is a means by which the U.N. special commission is filling the gap until Iraq officially endorses Resolution 715. The resolution would institute a longterm stringent monitoring plan that the commission has devised to guarantee Iraq does not try to revive its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes or missiles of a range of 150 kilometres or more, prohibited by the Gulf war ceasefire.

### 5 Saudis beheaded for drug smuggling

RIYADH (AP) - Five Saudi Arabians were beheaded Friday in the northwestern city of Tabuk nd Alghansa. after they were convicted drug smuggling, the Interior Ministry. announced. The announcement affirmed the kingdom's determination to combat drugs with the stiffest penalties, warning that similar fate would await anyone involved in smuggling or peddling the drug. The kingdom intro->xbloqi# duced the death penalty for drug dealers in the mid-1980's and has since executed some 60 found guilty of the crime. Most were

### r-concretise: Yemeni tribesmen in Austra kidnap Total oil workers was discount

and in the Wanna (AP) - Yemeni tribeseren len ung men kidnapped six foreign em-It is not all ployees working under contract but is overiff. for the French oil company Total d Astone but released them on the same day, sources close to the company said Friday. The total oil rig is operated for the Paris-based complany by the U.S. firm Nabors Drilling, and the six who were kidnapped most likely were U.S. nationals, the sources said. The abductions occurred near March about 150 kilometres east of the capital Sanaa, said the sources. They said the workers were kidnapped Thursday morning and released at night after Total officials agreed to meet the tribesmen's demands for jobs.

### Algerian gang frees 1 of 12 bank hostages

ALGIERS (R) — Heavily armed robbers released Friday one of 12 hestages they have held for two days in a hank southwest of Algiers, the Algerian news agency APS said. Miss Ba Ahmad Sataa, a 24-year-old employee at the branch of the Banque Nationale d'Algerie in Al Miroun, 55 kilometres from Algiers, was "apparently unwell" and taken to hospital in the capital., APS said, quoting a security source on the spot. It added that nearby residents had been evacuated. Anti-terrorist police units. paramilitary gendarmes and troops ringed the building which the robbers, believed to be Mushim fundamentalists, raided Wednesday \ APS said. Algiers Radio said Thursday that 10 hank employees, including two women, and two customers were speing held hostage. It said the raiders, "five or seven terrorists armed with automatic pistols. shotguns and probably submachineguns," had refused "any didague or compromise?

# Israel maintains blockade of Palestinians; hundreds held

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM of the 750,000 Palestinians who (Agencies) - Soldiers enforcing a ban on Palestinians from the occupied territories entering israel rounded up hundreds of Palestinian men and boys Friday in house-to-house searches at Shati refugee camp in the Gaza

In occupied Jerusalem, a European Community (EC) team ended a three-day Middle East tour saying it believed Arabs and Israelis were eager to resume Middle East peace talks. But both Israelis and Palestinians were cool to the team's pleas for flexibility (see separate story).

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin indefinitely harred the nearly two million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israel this week in response to violence that has taken the lives of 76 Palestinians and 17 Israelis since he expelled 415 alleged Muslim activists to Lebanon in Decem-

Palestinian leaders likened the han to a "massive collective prison." and called it a new obstacle to the peace talks suspended since the expulsion. Soldiers who took part in the

Shati raid in the Gaza Strip said such actions reminded Palestinians who was in charge. "Operations like this preserve

our deterrent force," a colonel identified as "Y" told Israel Radio from Shati, home to 50,000

team ended a three-day Middle

East tour Friday, saying it be-lieved Arabs and Israelis were

eager to return to the negotiating

Members of the EC "troika"

said after talks with Israeli Depu-

ty Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin

they had hoped to help restart

17-month-old peace talks sus-

pended over Israel's expulsion of

415 Palestinians to Lebanon in

"Our belief from the talks that

we had with all sides is that there

is a genuine will to arrive at a

situation which enables the peace

talks to be resumed on the 20th of

April," said Hans van den Broek,

EC external affairs commission-

"Our feeling is that there is a

good chance negotiations will be

resumed, and we believe it is very

necessary," said Danish Foreign

Minister Niels Petersen, who led

The delegation urged Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to

speed up the return of the expel-

lees, still stranded in Lebanon,

and called on Palestinians during

meetings in Arab East Jerusalem

Israel Radio said earlier the

European drew a frosty response from Prime Minister Yitzhak

(AP) — Prime Minister-designate Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said Fri-

day that he had dismissed the

A government spokesman,

nowever, said Mr. Hekmatyar

had no authority to throw out the

ruling cabinet, formed a year ago

by Afghanistan's warring rebel

leaders to replace the ousted

Speaking to reporters at his

base in the hills south of the

Afghan capital, Mr. Hekmatyar

invoked powers he claims were

granted in a peace accord signed

March 7 in Pakistan by leaders of

the eight warring rebel factions.

"Anyone who can form a gov-

ernment can dissolve a govern-

ment," said Mr. Hekmatyar, sur-

rounded by senior aides who

seemed surprised by the

announcement." The old cabinet

stands dissolved. This is my au-

He said the day-to-day opera-

tions of the government would be

overseen by a supreme supervis-

ory council, which will have 15 to

40 members and include all the

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the high ground around Kabul

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Hekmatyar 'dismisses'

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CHARASAYAB. Afghanistan Hekmatyar likely would have to

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live in the strip.
Palestinians said hundreds of males, aged 15 to 40, were detained in Shati during a curfew. The colonel said most would be released after questioning about

wanted activists. Military commentator Ze'ev Schiff wrote in Israel's Haaretz newspaper Friday: "What is happening today in the Gaza Strip is in practice a battle for future conditions of withdrawal." The item was headlined "A lost war in

Police have detained more than 500 Palestinians while enforcing the seal on the occupied territories. The army said it was heefing up forces and loosening open-fire

Palestinians warned that the closure of the occupied lands could stir more violence and encourage extremists who oppose peace talks.

"I think the closure is an escalation of collective punishment," said Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian negotiators. "It will contribute to the causes that ... have created the cycle of violence."

Hundreds also were turned away or searched at roadblocks while trying to get to work despite the closure.

mutual goodwill gestures amid

"Don't expect us to pay for the

Palestinian's participation in the

talks in a situation of terror and

unsheathed knives — our first

The United States and Russia.

co-sponsors of the talks, have

invited Israel, Jordan, Lebanon,

Syria and the Palestinians to re-

sume negotiations on April 20 but

the Arabs have yet to accept the

view in the European Community

that it is of extreme importance

that the peace negotiations are

now resumed and that we see

substantive talks and progress in

"The Palestinians cannot

escape part of the responsibility

for the recent deterioration of the

security situation. They must

cooperate in stopping violence and terrorist acts," Mr. Petersen

Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

attack the capital again if the

government refuses to surrender

announcement after four days of

talks this week at Charasayab and

said he had sent a list of new

cabinet nominees to President

Burhanuddin Rabbani. Mr. Hek-

matyar refused to disclose his

nominees, saying the president

would probably announce them

While Mr. Rabbani says he has

the final say in the cabinet's

makeup, Mr. Hekmatyar said the

president's role is to rubber-

"All phases of consultations are

over. No-one has the right to

raise any objections of the

cabinet portfolios," Mr. Hek-

But the president's spokesman.

Abdul Aziz Murad, said: "The

list hasn't reached the govern-

over the weekend.

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Mr. Hekmatyar made the

The delegation visited Jordan.

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public," he said.

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said Thursday.

The army sent more forces to the occupied lands but declined to say how many. Israel Televi-

EC hopes Mideast peace

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Rabin on efforts to spur Israeli-

(Agencies) — A European (EC) Palestinian talks by proposing

talks resume April 20

sion said the troops would actively seek out wanted Palestinians conducting more house-to-

ise searches. Soldiers also were given permission to fire without warning at armed Palestinians, military offi-

Israel imposed the indefinite closure — which has kept 100,000 Palestinians from jobs in Israel and disrupted Israel's farming and building industries - in response to the stabbing and shooting deaths of Israelis.

But the group behind most of the attacks on Israelis and a main target of the expulsion said it was unbowed.

The Ezzeddin Al Oassam Brigades, an armed wing of the militant Hamas movement, said in a statement circulated in Gaza: \*Our enemy has become afraid and terror fills his heart.

"The Ezzeddin Al Qassam Brigades have taken responsibility for most of the recent attacks on

"The state of general alertness declared by our brigades in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the expulsion of 400 of Palestine's stars has begun to bear fruit," the group said in a statement circulated in Gaza.

Mr. Rabin expelled the Palestinians, accusing them of links to Hamas and other Islamic groups that killed five soldiers.

## Suspect sought in New York bombing

rising violence.
"No gestures," the radio quoted Mr. Rabin as telling the EC officials late Thursday. atest suspect in the World Trade Centre bombing was in the U.S. government's grasp but was turned loose while his request for political asylum was considered. obligation is to the security of the He has not been heard from

> As authorities pressed a worldwide search for Ramzi Ahmad Yousef, he and three Arab codefendants were ordered Thursday to stand trial Sept. 14. The iudge in the case also ordered narticipants not to reveal details of the case.

promise to refrain from future The co-defendents are being expulsions but Mr. Rabin refuses. Mr. Petersen said: "It is our held under arrest.

Mr. Yousef, a 25-year-old Iraqi native, entered the United States from Pakistan in September but had no visa and was held at New York's Kennedy airport, said Rosemary Laguardia, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalisation Services (INS).

As in many such cases, Mr. Yousef was released because the airport detention centre did not have room for him while he awaited a hearing on his request for asylum, Mr. Laguardia said. A judge ruled he could be denied entry after he failed to attend

three hearings, she said. Federal officials say the immigration system is increasingly burdened by thousands of foreigners who arrive with few or no documents but get in under a law granting entry to anyone seeking political asylum. Such foreigners often fail to appear at their hearings. The New York Times, citing unidentified sources, reported Mr. Yousef worked as a taxi driver in the New York area (see page 2).

The fugitive, who lived in Jersey City, was indicted Wednesday in the bombing. Three of Mr. Yousel's cu-

defendants appeared Thursday in federal court in New York relaxed and even laughing at times. Lawyers entered innocent sleas for Mohammad Salameh. 25; Nidal Ayyad, 25; and Mahmoud Abu Halima, 33, the alleged organiser of the Feb. 26 bombing at the twin 110-storey towers, New York's tallest. The

attack killed six people and injured more than 1,000. Mr. Ayyad is a naturalised American citizen. Abu Halima is from Egypt, and Mr. Salameh is

ment. Negotiations are still going Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in an interview pub-More than 5,000 people have lished Friday, said Mr. Abu Halibeen killed and tens of thousands ma made "sensational confeswounded in battles that followed sions" about the attack before he the Muslim rebels' victory over was returned to the United States the former communist rulers in from Egypt (See page 2).

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The United States has considered restricting oil trade with Tripoli, but Mr. Juppe told reporters any such reinforcement of sanctions "was not on the agenda

with British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd in Paris, the first high-level foreign contact of Mr. Juppe's new conservative govern-

partners in wanting to see the demands of the American, British and French judiciary honoured," Mr. Juppe said, "It seemed (from my talks) that reinforcing sanctions was not on the

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher threatened Tuesday

port for the idea, diplomats said. The State Department later softened this line, saving it might

ask for a ban on the sale of oil

technology and equipment. When Libya refused to hand over two suspects in the Lockerbie case, the United Nations imposed sanctions last April to ban arms sales and international flights to Libva and cut diplomatic ties to a minimum.

The sanctions were controversial because they hinged on the unprecedented demand that a sovereign nation hand over its nationals for trial abroad.

The issue has slowly subsided despite regular four-monthly reviewes by the United Nations. Tunisian President Zine Al

Abidine Ben Ali and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi agreed during talks in Tripoli Thursday evening to work together to overcome the Lockerbie crisis, a Tunisian official said Friday. "The two leaders discussed

deeply means to find a peaceful solution to the (Lockerbie) issue in a way to put an end to the embargo imposed on the brotherly Libyan people," the Tunisian

cerned parties to try to overcome this particular situation in the area and its negative consequ-

Mr. Ben Ali is the current chairman of the Arab Maghreb

## **Shoul says elections** on schedule

AMMAN (Petra) — Interior Minister Jawdat Al Sboul Friday affirmed that the next parliamentary elections will be held on schedule as provided in the Constitution.

In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Shoul said no decision has crystallised yet about the elections so far except what was expressed by His Majesty King Hussein that there is nothing to prevent holding the elections on their constitutional time."

Mr. Shoul said the Interior Ministry had granted legal status to 15 political parties and was currently studying two applications for licences by two other

parties. The two applications were referred to the legal advisor to study them in accordance with the Constitution, the Political Parties Law and the National Charter, he said.

The interior minister, who was on a visit to Aqaba, attributed the state of stability and security in Jordan to the efforts exerted by the Hashemite leadership, the awareness of citizens and the keenness of the security forces. He emphasised that crimes occuring in the Kingdom were very limited. "It is a natural phenomenon that exists in all societies," he said, adding that Jordan remains for away from any form of organised crime. On his visit to Aqaba, Mr.

Shoul said he was attending a celebration held by the Public Security Department (PSD) on the occasion of opening the Marine Police Department in the port city and receiving two boats that were purchased from Germany with the objective of enhancing the capabilities of the Anti-Narcotics Department.

# Yeltsin appeals to business ahead of Clinton summit

MOSCOW (R) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin marshalled support in his battle against conservative lawmakers Friday, ahead of a weekend summit with his most powerful international ally, U.S. President Bill Clinton.

An Israeli officer gives orders to his unit looking

after Palestinian detainees in Ramalla in the West

Bank (photo above); In the occupied Gaza Strip

Mr. Clinton has already said he would form a "strategic alliance" with Mr. Yeltsin at their Vancouver summit and that America's best interests lie in acting to bolster reform.

Mr. Yeltsin appealed to the post-communist nation's emerging private sector to back him against hardline foes in a national referendum on who rules Russia.

Russia's salvation lay in creating a market economy based on private property, he said. Hours before his departure,

Mr. Yeltsin issued a plea to husinessmen to back him against communist and ultra-nationalist

"Our only salvation lies not in

a return to the past and not in a resurrection of ineffective state bureaucratic economy but in a movement towards a market ecosaid his statement, read by aide "I believe that despite the diffi-

culties, despite the mistakes which we have failed to avoid in the course of economic reform,

ments, said it was clear Mr. Yeltsin viewed the private sector as ters" in the April 25 poll he hopes will help settle his power struggle with the conservative-dominated

Deputies to impeach Mr. Yeltsin failed by just 72 votes. Deputies accuse him of dragging Russia into an economic abyss with drastic market reforms after decades of communism. The embattled president's pro-

town of Khan Younis (below), an elderly Palesti-

nian man walks through a street not noticing an

Israeli patrol passing by (AFP photos)

market tone was sure to go down well with the U.S. presidential team, also heading for Vancouver for Saturday's summit.
Mr. Yeltsin and Clinton talked

by telephone earlier and agreed urgent economic problems would top the agenda, Russian news agencies reported. The U.S. president is expected to unveil a plan for helping Russia at the end of the two-day exchange.

U.S. administration officials said Mr. Clinton's aid plan was expected to include more than \$500 million for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30, as well as

member Congress of People's \$700 million pencilled in for the next fiscal year.

Although last week's stormy congress session ended without Mr. Yeltsin's impeachment, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin told local officials in Russia's second city St. Petersburg that danger still lurked in the run-up to the referendunt.

"We were on the edge of the abyss and, although commonsense won the day, the last warning bell has rung, we can no longer live in this atmosphere, he said.

The congress rewrote - and neutered - the referendum proposal Mr. Yeltsin had hoped would rid him of a supreme legislative body left over from the former Soviet Union. The president wants a single, two-chamber parliament instead.

## Libya sanctions unlikely to be reinforced - France PARIS (R) - The United Na-

tions against Libya despite its continuing refusal to hand over two suspects wanted for the Lockerbie airline bombing. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Friday.

for the moment." He was speaking after talks

"France totally supports its

agenda for the moment."

The United States, France and Britain have applied pressure on Libya to cooperate with investigations into two airline explosions, and are due to review sanctions next week in the U.N. Security Council.

to stop all oil trade with Libya but did not appear to win much sup-

news agency TAP quoted a presidency spokesman as saying. "They agreed to continue the efforts and coordination and to intensify contacts with the con-

ences," he added.

## **Arab Bank presents** budget, final account

AMMAN-The Arab Bank Shareholders general assembly held its 63rd meeting at the Arab Bank Building in Amman under the chairmanship of Board of Directors Chairman Abdul Majeed Shoman and in the presence of representatives of the comptroller of companies at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and a group of the Arab Bank shareholders in various Arab countries.

The meeting discussed the general budget, the final account, the board of directors' report published inside.



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# Mubarak says Abu Halima made ICRC halts 'sensational blast confessions'

BEIRUT (AP) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in a newspaper interview published Friday that suspect Mahmoud Abu Halima made "sensational confessions" about the World Trade Centre bombing before he was turned over to U.S. author-

"But I am not at liberty to disclose these confessions now because U.S. investigation into the bombing is still under way," Mr. Mubarak told the Londonbased Al-Hayat newspaper.

The Lebanese-run Arabic lan-guage daily said Mr. Mubarak spoke in an exclusive interview conducted in London Thursday on the even of his talks with British Prime Minister John Mafor before flying on to the United

Asked whether Mr. Abu Halima's confession to Egyptian police interrogators would help pin the Feb. 26 bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1.000 on Islamic fundamentalists, Mr. Mubarak said: "He (Abu Halima) told of how

the operation was carried out and of those who carried it out. Questioned whether that meant the Islamic group of blind Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman. the fiery preacher of a New Jersey mosque, was linked to the

bombing, Mr. Mubarak replied: "It seems so. I don't want to go further than that." Mr. Mubarak denied that Egypt turned Mr. Abu Halima over to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in order to seek the extradition to Egypt of Sheikh

Abdul Rahman, saying "Abu

GENEVA (USIA) - An inter-

national nanel has been

appointed to examine individual

claims for compensation of losses

sustained as a result of Iraq's

invasion and occupation of

The panel is part of the U.N.

Compensation Commission, a

subsidiary body of the U.N. that

is establishing the procedures for

providing war damages. The

number of claims filed already

has reached 700,000, commission

officials said at a press conference

Thursday, and that figure could

double. They added that they

hoped that the appointment of

the new panel would give 'new

momentum to processing the

The nine jurists and experts on

the panel will study the claims

filed by three groups: The more

than one million foreign workers

who had to leave Kuwait and Iraq

because of Irag's invasion, indi-

viduals who suffered serious in-

back to the United States to prove his innocence.' The Egyptian president also

Halima himself asked to be sent

asserted, that he would not bring up the possibility of seeking Sheikh Abdul Rahman's extradition in his talks with U.S. President Bill Clinton in Washington.

Although Mr. Abu Halima has Egyptian and German nationalities in addition to U.S. residence papers, Mr. Mubarak said Egyptian legal experts had concluded the man should be considered American because of his permanent residence with his German wife and four children in the United States.

Mr. Abu Halima came to Alexandria, Egypt, from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia with a U.S. passport March II after a 12-year absence, Mr. Mubarak said.

"Egyptian authorities, tipped about Abu Halima's suspected role in the World Trade Centre bombing, summoned him to investigation. When police faced him with the bombing charges. Abu Halima gave plenty of in-formation about the case and insisted he wanted to go back to America to clear himself," Mr. Mubarak said.

He said he was to discuss Friday with Mr. Major and British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd possible ways to resolve the crisis arising from Libya's alleged involvement in the Dec. 21, 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Scotland in which 270 people were killed.

Mr. Mubarak said the United

and those with small claims for

losses of less than \$100,000 each.

up "the most important part of

the claims from a humanitarian

view," according to the current

president of the commission.

Spanish diplomat Fernando

Many of the foreign workers

who were forced to leave Kuwait

and Iraq originally travelled to

those countries at great personal

expenses, sometimes incurring

debts in order to do so. "Over-

night they lost everything: jobs.

possessions, saving and especially

head of the commission's secre-

tariat, Peruvian diplomat Carlos

Alzamora. Referring to the deci-

sion to process individual claims

first, he said it marked "the first

time the priority has been given

The commission will also con-

sider claims above \$100,000 and

those from businesses, govern-

to the little guy."

the hope of a better life," said the

Valenzuela.

These three categories make

'Little guy' gets priority in Iraq claims

### Kismayu operations States and Britian have assured him that they were not trying to.

topple Libyan leader Muammar

Qadhafi but wanted him to turn

Mr. Mubarak warned that

Egypt would retaliate against

Iran and Sudan for their alleged

assistance to Egyptian Muslim

fundamentalists responsible for

waves of extremist attacks in

Egypt.
"We will hit back in the appropriate manner and time.

but were not going to employ

terrorist method as Iran and

Sudan are doing. We are not terrorists," Mr. Mubarak said.

vinced Israel and its Arab adver-

saries would reach a comprehen-

sive peace this year.

wants a solution.

Mr. Mubarak said he was con-

He said Syrian President Hafez

They want a move that would

Al Assad wants peace and Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) leader Yasser Arafat

help in the question of the depor-

tees. So I will bring this up with

the U.S. president and offer my ideas," Mr. Mubarak said. He

would not spell out the ideas.

the co-sponsors of the Arab-

Israeli peace talks, have invited

the parties involved to a ninth

round of negotiations in

But the foreign ministers of

Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the

PLO resolved in a conference

they held in Damascus earlier this

week to delay a united response

pending the outcome of Mr. Mubarak's talks in Washington.

but specific panels for those cate-

gories have not yet been

expects claims to reach a total

value of \$100,000 million, but

Mr. Alzamora said that figure

was "pure speculation," since not

from a fund established by the

Security Council and financed on

the basis of 30 per cent of every

barrel of oil exported by Iraq.

Because of the embargo imposed

on Iraq since the invasion, and

Iraq's refusal to export the up to

\$1,600 million worth of oil autho-

rised by the Security Council

under conditions imposed on it,

the fund has not received any-thing from Iraq. Commission offi-

cials also said their access to

frozen Iraqi funds deposited in

various countries had been de-

have been put at the Compensa-

tion Commission's disposal by the

Compensation is to be paid

all the claims were in.

The commission has said that it

appointed.

Washington April 20.

The United States and Russia.

over two Libyans suspected of

engineering the bombing.

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has halted relief work in Kismayu because of a new outbreak of fighting in the southern Somalia port, a spokesman said Friday.

Erich Durst, an ICRC spokesman in Mogadishu, the capital, said hand-grenades were lobbed into the ICRC office compound in Kismayu Wednesday but

noone was injured. He said two ICRC expatriate workers were taking refuge in the organisation's Kismayu residence under the protection of Belgian forces. Five more had flown to neighbouring Kenva un-

til relief work was resumed. "At the office, we have taken our flag down and noone is working," Mr. Durst said.

Belgian troops have evacuated about 1,000 supporters of warlord Omar Jess, mainly women and children, from Kismayu after new clashes between Jess supporters and forces loyal to rival warlord Mohammad Said Hersi.
Several deaths have been re-

ported in the fighting, but a U.S. military spokesman could not confirm them.

"We have heard that some bodies, possibly supporters of Jess, were buried near the police station, a stronghold of Jess, but we have no further details," the spokesman said.

A 4,200-strong U.S. amphibious force is on standby in the Kismayu region in case the situation deteriorates, he added.

Violence in Kismayu has been stumbling block to peace in Somalia. More than 100 people died in February when Gen. Morgan's forces ousted Jess supporters from the port. Clashes last month in which

about 50 people were wounded temporarily derailed peace talks in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa.

Somalia's 15 warring factions announced stiff penalties Thursday for groups which violated a ceasefire agreement signed in January. Groups which break the truce will have aid blocked and be forced to pay compensation

### 4,000 Americans to remain

Some 4.000 U.S. troops will remain in Somalia through 1994 to safeguard the delivery of food to the starving country, says army General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Meanwhile, President Bill Clinton said in a letter released by a congressman Thursday that the United States was winding down its role in Somalia, and layed. In principle those funds most American troops would leave the war-torn country short-

## New shadowy Iranian group claims attacks WHO OR WHAT is the Babak killed, two of them brothers of Mohammad Hussein Mousavian,

Khoramdin Organisation, the shadowy underground group which, with increasing stridency. claims to be terrorising the lead-ership of Iran's Islamic regime? In little more than six months of existence, the BKO has vet to surface to show its face.

Only a handful of communiques - sometimes in English but more often in Farsi - provide proof of its existence. But in its latest "operational statements." issued over the past two weeks. the BKO claims that its guerrillas have reached to the very heart of the clerical regime.

The BKO says its most important act so far was an explosion on March 17 at the residence of Ayatollah Khamenei. Iran's spiritual leader.

According to its latest communique, the BKO said that, although the ayatollah escaped injury, at least five people were

Iran's ambassador to Germany.

The explosion was said to have occurred during an lfar party, marking the end of daily fasting during the Holy Month of Ramadan. In its reaction to the incident, which was first reported by the exiled former president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the Iranian official media said rumours of the explosion stemmed from the squads of fireworks set off to mark the start of the Iranian New Year. But according to the BKO, a powerful explosive device had been taken into the heavily guarded residence by one of the guests. He was alleged to have dired under torture six days after his arrest. Despite the absence of official confirmation of the attack, Iranian newspapers have carried condolence messages addressed to Mr. Mousavian on

claimed responsibility for the assassination of Revolutionary Guard Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammad Reza Fadai, one of the senior commanders in charge of state security.

As an unprecedented wave of anti-regime activities spreads alarm among the ruling mullahs, Ayatollah Ahmad Jennati, a leading cleric close to Ayatollah Khamenei, warned last Friday that "criminal hands are out of othe sleeves to kill our beloved leaders, to terrorise the Muslim people and to end the rule of

On the basis of its communiqués, the BKO appears to be a secular, nationalist group. Its coat of arms is an electric mix of Persian and religious symbols an imperial lion and sword, topped with a shrine and minaret. It takes its name from the historic

The BKO has subsequently figure, Babak Khoramdin, who led a revolt against the Arab and Islamic domination of Persia. The group does not appear to be overtly monarchist and there are not indications that it enjoys foreign support.

Until now the main opposition group claiming to undertake, armed action against the regime is People's Mujahedeen, once condemned by the late Shah as Islamic Marxists but now on increasingly friendly terms with Washington.

Iranian sources say the BKO does not aspire to mounting a coup d'état but want to show the clergy that it cannot ignore thewill of the people. One informed estimate is that the BKO draws its strength from relatively young veterans of the Iran-Iraq war who became disillusioned during that conflict about the direction the revolution was taking. - The Independent.

# Four alleged Abu Nidal members held in U.S. midwest

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Four alleged 1986. members of the Abu Nidal group have been charged in America's heartland with plotting to kill Jews and blow up an Israeli embassy. One of them fatally stabbed his daughter, shouting die, my daughter, die so she wouldn't reveal his secret, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said.

That was a sharp difference from the motive offered by state prosecutors who convicted the father in 1991. They had said the killing resulted from a clash of cultures between her fundamentalist Muslim parents and the Westernised girl, 16-year-old Palestina "Tina" Isa.

The indictments unsealed Thursday are believed to be the first of suspected Abu Nidal members in the United States. FBI agent James W. Nelson said.

The Abu Nidal organisation. which broke away from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in 1973, was described by a state department report in 1989 as the world's most dangerous group. Abu Nidal was the name taken by the group's leader. Sabri Al Banna.

Among the group's acts, the report said, was the killing of 21 people in the bombing of an Istanbul, Turkey, synagogue in

"The stated purpose of Abu Nidal is to kill Jews anywhere and

the death of his brothers.

everywhere," Mr. Nelson said. The indictments accused the four of running a racketeering enterprise that included the 16year-old girl's death and conspiring to kill Jews, blow up the Israeli embassy in Washington, and buy weapons and smuggle money to other Abu Nidal mem-

It said the four also planned to kill anyone within the group or outside who could expose the plots. The girl's death was the only slaying alleged to have been carried out.

The indictment was issued Wednesday but remained sealed until the defendants were in custody. They are Tina Isa's father, Zein Isa. 61, who is on death row; Saif Nijmeh, 32, arrested at his St. Louis county home: Luie Nijmeh. 29, arrested at his Miamisburg. Ohio. home: and Tawfiq Musa. 43, arrested in Racine, Wisconsin. All four are of Palesti-

Mr. Musa and the Nijmehs were being held without bond pending hearings next week. They face life in prison and fines if convicted.

FBI agents investigating

whether Zein Isa was involved in the PLO had bugged his family's St. Louis apartment and captured on audio tape his daughter's killing there in November 1989.

The chilling seven-minute tape. played for the state jurors, and other testimony indicated that the dispute focused on the girl taking a job and having a black boyf-

The girl's mother. Maria Isa.

who is Brazilian, allegedly held the girl down while the father stabbed her. Amid sounds of a struggle and Tina's screams. Mr. Zein Isa could be heard shouting in Arabic to the girl: "Die die quickly die, my daughter, die."

The mother also was convicted in the killing, though the Missouri supreme court overturned her death sentence last week, saying the jury received flawed instruc-

No mention was made on the tape of killing the girl to keep her quiet, said Bob Craddick, the assistant St. Louis circuit attorney who tried the murder case. But he said the FBI had other tapes it did not give to the state.

The FBI's Nelson said the girl' was killed to keep her from talking to authorities about her father's ties to Abu Nidal. The indictment said the deci-

sion to kill Tina began with an Oct. 16, 1989, meeting between Saif Nijmeh and Mr. Musa in which "Nijmeh advised that Tina Isa be killed."

The defendants allegedly received some of their instructions from a man named Mahmoud Atta in Mexico City in April 1987, the indictment said.

Mr. Musa also directed a coconspirator to meet with Abu Nidal leaders in Algeria, the indictment said. The defendants also are accused of planning since about

November 1986 "to murder any. and all individuals of Jewish extraction. According to the indictment, Luie Nijmeh spoke with a coconspirator about blowing up the Israeli embassy and Saif Nijmeh

cuss a rocket-propelled grenade launcher he had obtained. Other counts in the indictment included sending more than-\$10,000 out of the country without filing customs forms, interstate travel in aid of racketeering and making a false statement in a

met with co-conspirators to dis-

passport application. Mr. Nelson said the four suspects have no known link to any Abu Nidal act. He said the investigation was continuing, and he would not release further details.

### juries or the death of relatives. ments and international agencies. Security Council. Indictment names new suspect in New York bombing

Compiled from U.S. newspapers

NEW YORK - Federal prosecutors in Manhattan Thursday released a new indictment that names a new suspect in Feb. 26. bombing of the World Trade Centre.

Reindicted in the superseding charge were Mohammed Salameh, 25; Nidal Ayyad, 25, and Maharoud Abu Halima , 33, They were charged with a single count of causing the bombing. which killed six people, injured more than 1,000 and demolished an underground parking garage. They have pleaded not guilty and remain in custody.

The new suspect in Ramzi Ahmad Youset, 25, who also was cited in the new indictment. Authorities said Mr. Youset had resided at the same Jersey City. New Jersey, address once occupied by Mr. Salameh. He had not previously been identified in the probe and was not in custody last night. Authorities told Reuter beis believed to have fled, possibly

to Egypt. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

In response to questions about the contents of a letter to the New York Times purportedly threatening further attacks. Federal Bureau of Investigation Director William S. Sessions told the Associated Press: "We have no evidence that a large group in the United States is preparing for a wave of terrorist attacks. However, the magnitude of the World Trade Centre attack naturally heightens the level of concern and awareness for all U.S. citizens.

Investigators said that naming Mr. Youset significantly fleshes out the size of the plot. "The core group has been identified." a federal source said.

Government sources said that Mr. Yousef was a roommate of Mr. Salameh, who is accused of renting the van believed used to transport the bomb that exploded at the trade centre on Feb. 26. Investigators said Mr. Yousef

details were provided about his alleged role in the bomb plot.

> Mr. Yousef's indictment came as the FBI sought Wednesday to allay concerns raised by the letter claiming responsibility for the blast. That letter, received by the New York Times four days after the bombing, threatened further terrorist attacks on military, civilian and nuclear targets in the United States and abroad.

and "the rest of the dictator countries in the region." And, in sometimes awkward English, it claimed that "our army has more than a hundred and fifty suicidal soldiers" ready to attack Amer-

The letter demanded a halt to all military, economic and political aid to Israel as well as the severing of diplomatic relations with the Jewish state. It insisted that the United States must not interfere with the "interior affairs" of any Middle East counmay have fled the country. No try. The letter was signed "Li-

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beration Army Fifth Battalion." Sources close to the trade cen-

tre investigation said that investigators have linked the letter to Mr. Ayyad, a chemical engineer who shared several bank accounts with Mr. Salameh and whose business card was found in Mr. Salameh's wallet when he was seized. Mr. Yousef, travelling on an Iraqi passport, arrived in New

York from Karachi aboard a The one-page communique criticised U.S. support for Israel Pakistani Air flight on Sept. 1. 1992, said Immigration and Naturalisation Service spokeswoman Rosemary LaGuardia. A review of his passport showed he left Iraq at the end of

April and travelled to Jordan for four days before flying to Pakistan. He paid a Pakistani Air official \$2,700 for a boarding pass, arriving without an immigration visa, she said. At John F. Kennedy Interna-

tional airport Mr. Yousef sought asylum, was given an exclusion hearing date, and was released "due to our lack of detention space." Ms. LaGuardia said.

Gamma Al Islamiva that is seeking to topple Egypt's secular government, sources close to the The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the

the request of the U.S. embassy in Cairo but stopped last June.
The banned Islamic Group she did not know about any such meeting. wants to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak's moderate gov-

ernment, a close ally of the United States, and replace it with an Iran-like theocracy. The group's spiritual leader is

militants said Friday.

Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman; the blind cleric who preaches at a New Jersey Mosque where at

banned Muslim extremist Al- bombing attended prayers.

The sources said diplomats from the mission's political section represented the U.S. side during the talks that took place at the office of a Cairo lawver. The U.S. embassy refused on meetings started in late 1991 at the record comment. But a U.S.

official told the Associated Press

"To my knowledge the U.S. mission in Cairo has never had contact or sought to have contact with the Islamic Gamaa," she

The Egyptian sources said the U.S. diplomats wanted information about the group's political aims, its strategy and how its

its reports. The last two noted that Egyptian authorities torture Muslim fundamentalists while in custody to extract information on their

movement. The sources said that after the meetings halted, the Islamic Group tried to contact the State Department in Washington directly but apparently failed.

Communication between the U.S. mission and the militants ceased at the time that the extremists started targeting foreign tourists as part of their violence cam-

paign.
The Islamic Group, which has an estimated 200,000 followers

U.S. diplomats met with Egyptian Muslim extremists 'CAIRO (AP) - U.S. diplomats least four suspects in New York's members were affected by the with 10,000 prone to violence have met with members of the Feb. 26 World Trade Centre human rights situation in Egypt. among Egypt's 58 million people, The State Department issues has traditionally attacked police and Christian Copts turned against tourists last summer to embarrass the government abroad and deprive it of its main

source of hard currency. Tourism has dropped by up to 50 per cent since the militants killed a British nurse in October in an ambush on her tour bus in southern Egypt. Six Germans were wounded in a similar attack

less than a month later. The most violent act linked to the militants was a blast in a coffee house in downtown Cairo that killed a Turk and a Swede.

More than 150 people have been killed and 230 wounded in clashes over the past 15 months.

## Egypt arrests 700 militant suspects in one month

CAIRO (R) - Egypt has rounded up 700 militant suspects in recent weeks, security sources said Friday, and President Hosni Mubarak blamed recent unrest on Iran and Sudan.

Police detained 200 suspects in Cairo and its suburbs alone over the past five days, the security sources said.

The latest arrests brought the overall number of suspects seized since an anti-militant crackdown began in March to 700, including 300 in the southern Egyptian towns of Assiut and Aswan.

About 200 were detained in Cairo during March which witnessed the bloodiest surge of violence with 45 people, includ-

ing 29 militants, killéd in raids, shootouts, bomb attacks and

In an interview with the London-based Arabic newspaper Al Hayat, Mr. Mubarak accused Muslim-fundamentalist Iran of financing and guiding militants and Sudan of providing them with training camps with the aim of toppling moderate Arab govern-

He said militants attacking foreign tourists in Egypt were directed by "group abroad" and that most of them had served in Afghanistan.

Mr. Mubarak said Sudan was facilitating the entry through its borders of Egyptian militants

coming from Pakistan to carry out violent actions. Security officials had said that Egyptian militants were partly

directed by leaders in exile in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Among them are Mohammad Shawki Islambuli, brother of the man who led the assassins of late President Anwar Sadat in 1981. Mr. Mubarak said Sudan was

operating militant training camps in agricultural lands. "They bring in militants under camouflage of workers, give them ammunition and train them with the help of Iranians," Mr. Mubarak said. He said the militants attacking foreign tourists in Egypt were

forces giving them wrong advices.

"They lure them by giving them small amounts of money to carry out bomb attacks, hit a tourist bus and attack people." Mr. Mubarak said.

Addressing young Egyptian militants, Mr. Mubarak said: "Those who are pushing you to do these acts are not telling you that you will eventually pay a dear price."

"We tell you that whoever tries to use force to impose his thoughts will not succeed because the government is stronger, warned Mr. Mubarak, currently "being exploited by outside on a foreign tour.

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# Meeting to review Arab trade future

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in a two-day meeting to open in Abu Dhabi Monday by a technical cooperation committee charged with the task of promoting trade links among Arab coun-

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A statement here Friday said that Awad Abu Obeid, Jordan's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will lead the Jordanian delegation of three representatives from the Ministry

of Industry and Trade in Amman. Representatives of all the Arab countries, in addition to concerned Arab organisations and United Nations agencies, will be attending the meeting, organised by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the statement. A report on future inter-Arab trade prepared and compiled by the UNDP together with several Arab and international organisations, will be discussed at the

meeting. The UNDP is proposing several ideas and plans aimed at promoting inter-Arab trade involving Arab organisations, the statement added.

It said that the participants will also discuss such topics as developing the human and material resources of the Arab World, aid to poor Arab countries to help them boost their trade activities and economic integration of the

### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Health minister returns from Cairo meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Health Aref Al Bataineh Friday returned to Amman from Cairo after attending the 17th session of the Arab Health Ministers Council which was held at the Arab League headquarters. Dr. Bataineh said the council discussed an Arab strategy for health development, the health conditions of Arab citizens in the Israeli-occupied territories, and ways to improve health services in some Arab countries. The council, he said, decided to allocate money for the Arab Fund for Health Development to support the health services in the occupied territories, Lebanon, Somalia and Iraq.

### Freedoms panel to meet

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Constitutent Assembly of the Centre for Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights Studies will hold a meeting Saturday at the parliament building. The meeting was called for by the assembly's chairman, Senator Najeeb Al

### **Envoy to Brazil presents credentials**

BRASILIA (Petra) - Jordan's newly-appointed ambassador to Brazil Azmi Mirza Thursday presented his credentials to the Brazilian President. The president commended His Majesty King Hussein's wise leadership and his important role in the Middle East, wishing the Jordanian government and people further progress and prosperity.

### Aviation chief arrives in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) - Head of the International Aviation Organisation Assad Qattit arrived in Amman Friday on a several-day visit to Jordan during which he will hold talks with senior officials on civil aviation-related issues and scopes of cooperation between the organisation and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Dr. Qattit will also be familiarised with the training courses and programmes offered by the CAA. .... ....

## Arab scholars to begin cultural month

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordan Academy of Arabic (JAA) will begin its two-month cultural season on April 10, announced JAA President Abdul Karim Khalifa Friday. Dr. Khalifa said that this year the delegations, comprised of scholars from Jordan and the Arab-Islamic Worlds will focus their attention on the main callenges to the Arab Nation, issues related to the role of Arabic in unifying the Arab World. Arabisation of university subjects and texts, among other relevant top language, cultural and intellectual relations among scholars and cultural organisations of the Arab World, said Dr. Khalifa in his statement. The results of the cultural season and the findings of the scholars will be published in a book at the conclusion of the

### 3 die, 22 injured in major accident

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three persons were killed and 22 others were injured in a road accident which occurred Thursday on the Zarqa-Hashimiyeh Road, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily. The report quoted Director of the Civl Defence Department's (CDD) public rleations office Major Nabeel Qawar as saying that a bus carrying 25 passengers crashed into a water truck parked on the side of the road. The accident led to the death of two Jordanians. Mohammad Hamzeh. 71, and Mahmoud Musleh, 27, and an Iraqi woman, Haseebah Sahen, 40.

## Summer time hours set

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**EXHIBITIONS** 

ceramics by Sa'eda Al Bitar Ghanem at Abdul Hameed

Shoman Foundation Gallery, 1st Circle, opposite the

Exhibition of paintings enti-tled "Meditating Land and

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Iraqi Embassy.

Gallery.

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan switched to summer time Thursday midnight when clocks were set ahead sixty minutes. By this, Jordan is now three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

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# Seminar briefs media on population growth problems

By Cosima Hadidi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Experts agree that the population growth rate in the Arab countries is among the highest in the world and will lead to a serious decline in the quality of life of Arab citizens and an unprecedented competition for resources by the turn of the cen-

To address this and similar issues and to prepare for the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, Arab professionals will meet in Amman

An advance two-day seminar was held here Thursday and Friday for regional journalists, as they play an important role in educating the public about the negative consequences of an uncurbed population growth as well as the benefits of small wellplanned families.

The seminar, held at the Royal Cultural Centre, was co-sponsored by the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for West-ern Asia (ESCWA), the Arab League, and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) which contributes \$15-16 million annually to population

activities in the Arab World. Minister of Information Mahmoud A! Sharif in his opening remarks discussed the population situation in the world in general and the region in particular, stressing the contrast be-

with a decline in resources and the decline in population in the developed world. The population situation in Jordan, as the host country of the conference, was discussed at several intervals, specifically fol-

lowing a presentation by Nabih

National Population Commis-

tween the high population growth

in developing countries coupled

Mr. Salameh provided data on the birth rate, the death rate and migration in Jordan, which combined, give Jordan a population growth rate of 3.4 per cent

annually.

Data presented by Mr. Salameh and by Mahmoud Issa, a UNFPA expert, indicate that Jordan has made progress and compares favourably with other Arab countries in issues related to quality of life, such as infant mortality, maternal mortality, literacy and health.

But, Mr. Salameh and Dr. Issa maintained that the country still

lacks a defined population policy, without which it is impossible to sustain current standards and make improvements in areas that are deficient.

If the current population growth continues. Jordan's population is projected to exceed million by the turn of the century: a number that will be impossible to serve by already limited resources including water, food, education and health ser-

According to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Jordan's Information Minister said at the seminar Salameh, secretary general of the. that stemming population growth depends first on voluntary plans, such as birth spacing, that are adopted by families; but these cannot be imposed by laws.

Describing the level of popula-tion growth in most Arab countries as unreasonable, Mr. Sharif said this natural growth has been exacerbated through the people's migrations within the Arab

He explained that certain parts of the Arab World have been witnessing forced migrations caused by conflicts, famine, unemployment, religious persecution and other problems.

In addition, each Arab country continues to face migration of



Population experts Friday brief journalists for a second consecutive day on issues related to popula-

tion growth (Petra photo) people from the rural to the

urban regions, he said. Referring to the situation in Jordan, Ms. Sharif said the Kingdom in the last three years witnessed major migrations including the return of more than 300,000 people of Jordanian and Palestinian origin who were evicted from Kuwait and other Gulf states where they had lived and worked most of their lives.

The influx of these returnees to Jordan has caused the country significant problems, he said.

By Sausan Ghosheh

Special to the Jordan Times

women's front to face internal

and external challenges, at a lec-

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Women's Committee of the un-

ion, discussed the role of women

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The lecture, held by the

Union in Amman.

adding that these added difficulties came at a time when Jordan was struggling with problems pertaining to housing, water supplies and basic services to its resident population.

Jordan however, continues in its commitment to improve the situation of its citizens, which are. after all, its most precious re-

One example of Jordan's commitment was given by Abdul Muneim Abu Nuwar, the UN-FPA deputy chief of the Division

Feminists seek united women's front

for Arab States and Europe. "UNFPA relies on the dongtions of countries for its funding. Of the Arab World, only Jordan and Egypt are major donors, giving over \$50,000 per year. reflecting a strong belief and commitment to the UNFPA and

its progress," he said. An ESCWA press release said the opening of the April 4 conference will be at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman under the patronage of His Royal Highness

# Debate continues over who should set private school fees

Ammar Jaber Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Should the government intervene to fix tuition fees and teachers' salaries at private

Saud Abdul Jaber, director of private education at the Ministry of Education, was noncommittal on the first part of the question. but on the second said "the contract between the teacher and the school administration should be the decisive factor in this connec-

The controversy over tuition fees started when the New English School, a private enterprise in Amman, recently raised its fees upto 60%. Last year the school raised its

fees by 20%. This substantial rise within two years prompted parents, as well as students, to protest. During a recent Jordan Televi-

sion (JTV) broadcast of the Arabic programme "Good Evening," Dr. Abdul Jaber evaded giving a clear-cut answer to the question of government intervention to fix

But he said "the ministry intervenes in the interest of all concerned, the school, the parents involved, as well as the educational process itself."

He revealed that a special committee has been set up to conduct a comprehensive study of the entire issue.

The committee, he said, comprises representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Labour, and the Union of Private School Employees. The committee began it's meet-

ings a month ago. Dr. Abdul Jaber asserted that the committee's decision would

be binding. Another issue that came under debate during the JTV programme dealt with a 1974 Ministry of Education decision which stipulated that private school teachers should receive a minimum salary

school teachers. One private school owner protested that he could not pay his staff salaries equal to government teachers' salaries because he charges low tuition fees.

If he were to raise his teachers'

equal to the one paid to public

salaries to the government standard, the owner said he would have to raise tuition fees so that he could afford such an increase.

During the debate, some participants proposed that schools should be categorised according to the area in which they are located so that socio-economic status would be taken into consideration in determining tuition fees and teachers' salaries.

on the need to educate women on The idea was rejected by the their rights. president of the Union of Private Education Schools Owners, Subtions, 12 women ran for seats in hi Assaf, who argued that a the 80-member Lower House: school located in a poor area not one was a winner. could offer good education while being categorised as a second or Fakhouri, said women candidates third grade school. lacked the political experience

Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan, in a letter to the editor of the Jordan Times (March 6), stressed the need for maintaining a high level of education in both private and state

She stated that "too much government involvement would prove pernicious to the whole fabric of a whole balanced, democratic society in which freedom of choice must prevail."

### dates had more visibility since most were active in the public arena, being either ministers or political party leaders.

counterparts had.

In addition, unlike most male candidates, female candidates were not supported financially or spiritually by political parties, she added. Dr. Fakhouri attributed these factors as being behind their failure in the elections.

"Although the results of the election were adverse," added "the experience for the women who entered it was posi-

Another 1989 candidate, Haifa Al Basheer, said "the failure of women to secure seats in parlia-

ment reflects that they are discriminated against in society.

She said "stating that all Jordanians are equal in the Constitu-AMMAN — Women activists tion, is not enough. We need to called for forming a united have equality in practice."

Ms. Basheer added that the education of women and their work experience has made them more creative. "Women have flourished in

education and in their fields. If given the chance, they will flourish in politics," she maintained.

Ms. Basheer further described the Jordanian society as "being compassionate towards women on the outside, while being cruel in reality." She explained that this false

sense of being protected tends to the fog importance of fighting for women's rights, and results in many women accepting the status quo and remaining passive. There was an agreement

and the money that their male among the lecturers and participants that women in Jordan are politically unaware.

Parliament Deputy Anwar Al Hadid said "the inability of women to secure seats in the past elections indicates that most women are politically unin-

formed.' Dr. Fakhouri said that more than 50 per cent of women in the village are illiterate, and it is the duty of informed women to edu-

Sahab Shaheen, a women's rights activist, suggested issuing legislation to end illiteracy in Jordan, adding that the illiterate population is traditionally a supporter of the conservative move-

Ms. Shaheen maintained that 'democracy cannot exist if women and men are unequal." The lecturers called for chang-

ing what they described as an 'unjust voting law" and instituting a "modern democratic" law that will guarantee women their They demanded the inactment

of the "quota system," which ensures a set number parliamentary seats for women. "The current law gave the

minorities in Jordan their rights. Why not give women their rights? The quota should be opened up to include women," Ms. Shaheen maintained. Dr. Fakhouri said the lack of

women and supporters of women's rights in Parliament has resulted in diminishing such rights in the civil status laws. If this continues, she added,

women will be completely deprived of making any decisions that affect their lives. "This," she maintained will

"take us back to the Middle The participants in the panel

called-for establishing a united women's front, irrespective of women's ideologies and political affiliations, to pursue the effort of educating women and organising them to form a political agenda that focuses on women's issues. In addition, they suggested us-

ing the media to voice their concerns to the people, especially that of inacting the quota. They also requested from the

women who are planning to enter the upcoming elections to run on a "women's issue" agenda.

### JNRCS branches hold first meeting branches in Jordan to cooperate. conducting studies on the pockets AMMAN (Petra) - The first

general conference of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) branches was held Friday at JNRCS headquarters in Amman under the chairmanship of Society President Mohammad Mitlaq Al Hadid.

Dr. Hadid delivered an address at the conference in which he tackled the humanitarian goals of the Red Crescent movement and its role in familiarising the public with the international humanitarian law, alleviating the sufferings of people, raising the level of health and social services and offering relief works in times of war and disasters.

The JNRCS president stressed the need for the society's 14

together and coordinate with the JNRCS Executive Council to remove all obstacles to their work.

Participants in the conference discussed their branches' needs in all parts of Jordan, means of organising courses, seminars and youth camps, managing hospitals, health clinics and vocational training centres, as well as distributing in-kind assistance and food supplies to the needy.

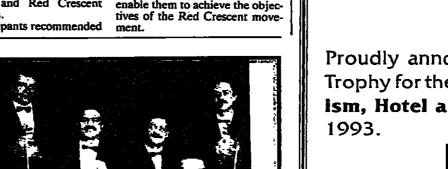
They also discussed their preparations to participate in the regional and international courses, conferences, seminars and activities organised by the Red Cross and Red Crescent organisations.

The participants recommended

of poverty in Jordan and called for the formation of an information committee to deal with the mass media with the aim of familiarising the public with the goals and role of the INRCS

They also called for organising seminars to spread awareness of the international humanitarian law and recommended exchanging expertise and visits between the Jordanian society and Arab and international Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

The conferees underlined the need to support the various activities of the JNRCS branches to enable them to achieve the objectives of the Red Crescent move-





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# Screwed-up thinking

CLEARLY THERE is something wrong with Israeli thinking (not that it is the first time that we notice it) if it is based on a belief that the Palestinian side would come around sooner or later to accepting resumed business-as-usual peace talks if the screws are tightened on the Palestinians living in the occupied territories. One would have thought that the decades of occupation have given enough experience and insight to the Israelis that their iron-fist policies and scorchedearth actions in the occupied territories only go to strengthen the Palestinian quest to get rid of the yoke of occupation and fuel extremism among the moderates among them.

By making life more and more difficult for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Israeli leadership is only scoring points in ruthlessness and brutality which do not serve the cause of peace. If anything, it also makes it more and more hard for advocates of peace talks to remain steadfast in arguing that the best solution out of the decades-old conflict is

If indeed the Israelis have forgotten, it might be a timely remainder that one of the key demands of the Palestinians for returning to the peace negotiating table is an Israeli commitment to improving human rights conditions in the occupied territories. Such improvement, needless to say, will go a long way in convincing many Palestinians, long wary of Israeli motives, that the peace talks could perhaps be going in the right direction. On the contrary, what we have

here is an escalation of the occupation power's arbitrary practices.

And the international community is not doing any service to the cause of justice for the Palestinians by maintaining a pointed silence over the total military siege that the Israelis have imposed against the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

If the Israelis are not willing to be woken up and told of the realities on the ground, then it is time someone did something else to wake them up and make them realise and accept that retaliating against anti-peace forces is not by imposing collective punishment against an entire people.

We could suggest a few avenues of action, but then we don't think the "international community," which was so shocked and stunned by "Iraqi atrocities against the Kuwaitis" that it took only a few days for vigorous punitive measures to be imposed against Baghdad, needs any lessons or suggestions from us on how to handle the "civilised" Israel and its actions against the Palestinians.

Then again, perhaps, we are totally wrong, given the record of the "international community." But, no matter anyone looks at it, the scenario of "extremism" and "terrorism" that Israeli leaders do not forget to mention whenever they open their mouth to the world is only getting closer and nearer with every day that the Palestinians are terrorised and victimised by the occupation forces.

## ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

HIS MAJESTY KING II ISSEIN seized the opportunity of a European Comment of the dangers inherent in the failure of the Middle East peace process to achieve positive results, said Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily. The talks held in Amman represented a positive step on the part of Jordan and the European nations because the two sides exchanged views about the situation on the one hand and the Europeans have had a first hand examination of the situation in the region on the other, said the paper. The outcome was satisfactory for both sides as the Europeans have started to fully understand the Jordanian pioneering role in the peace process, said the daily. The European delegation also showed real understanding of the Jordanian economic position and the burdens imposed on the Kingdom as a result of the Gulf war, the paper added. The paper said that the European delegation's visit was successful and beneficial to the two sides. But, it said, the European nations are called on now to exert their own serious efforts to help Jordan and the rest of the countries of the region to enjoy a lasting and just peace.

Taher Al Udwan, a columnist in Al Dustour, commented on Washington's recent statements which included threats to Libya and Iran. The writer said that the Arab masses were optimistic when Bill Clinton became president of the United States hoping that the man will direct his attention towards domestic affairs and help bring about peace to the Middle East and other parts of the world. But it seems that the Americans are not satisfied with the domestic affairs and the consequences of the past wars they triggered in other parts of the world, said the writer. He said that the Clinton administration showed its total bias towards Israel, condoning its atrocities and preventing any sanctions being imposed on it for disregarding U.N. Security Council resolutions. The recent statements against Iran and Libya should prompt the various states of the region to unify their stand and work towards safeguarding their own interests in the light of the looming danger and Washington's desire to wage more conflicts and wars, said the writer. He said that Libya, for instance, can reply to the American threats by providing Sudan with its needs of oil, and Iran can end its hostile stand towards Iraq and renounce its policy of imposing hegemony over the Gulf. Solidarity among these countries of the region, he said, remains the main effective tool to confront the United States and its plots.

### By Asa'ad Abdul Rahman

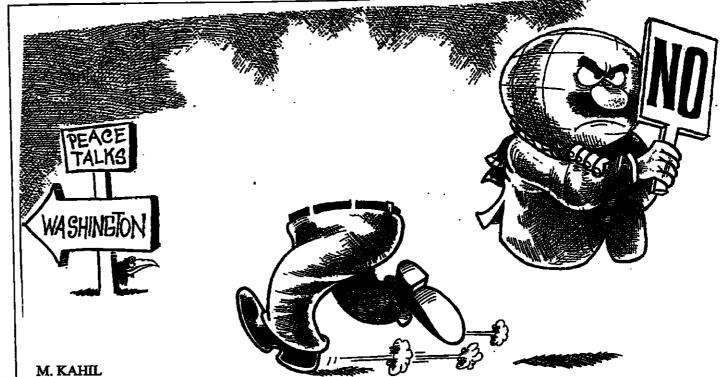
THE WORLD is currently witnessing several political phenomenal changes that, if analysed and studied, seem to add leverage to the ongoing Arab-Israeli peace process. The changes are taking place over a large expanse of territory starting in the occupied territories and ending in the United States itself, including, of course, Europe. Political analysts can easily conclude a common denominator connecting them: They all, without exception, give increased credibility to the present efforts to end the chronic Arab-Israeli conflict.

The first of these events lies in the occupied territories where the Palestinian intifada, thanks to Israeli repression, entered its 64th month with an unprecedented escalation in violence and counter violence. The Gaza Strip, in particular, has entered a new and bloodier phase in its long war of attrition with the Israeli occupation forces.

In the first 24 hours following the lifting of the most terrible Israeli cordon, confrontations resumed violently where a Zionist settler was liquidated. Occupational violence also escalated. In the following 48 hours only, two Palestinians were shot dead and 42 wounded. This led to additional confrontations and killings.

Israeli spokesman described what is happening as "a real war" between Palestinian resistance and the Israeli occupation forces. This qualitative development gained the intifada the respect of its friends and many of its foes alike. Israel seemed so bogged down in a costly war of attrition and economic exhaustion that calls (from Israeli ministers and leading opinion leaders) for a unilateral withdrawal from the quagmire of the Gaza Strip were heard louder and louder.

On the other side of the River Jordan, His Majesty King Hussein showed great amount of political courage when he clarified the position of Jordan. In an interview with American NBC network, King Hussein made it absolutely clear that Jordan will not let the Palestinians down in their current showdown with the



# The viability of the peace process

Phenomenal changes in Europe, the United States and the region give increased credibility to efforts to end Arab-Israeli conflict

Rabin government over the issue

of the evictees. Jordan's participation in the forthcoming round of talks is inconceivable before the elimination of all obstacles that hinder the Palestinian participation in the talks, confirmed the King. More than any time before, the Palestinian-Jordanian solidarity seemed irreversible whether in confrontation or negotiation.
This was later enforced by the last meeting of five Arab foreign ministers in Damascus to discuss peace process.

Positive events in the European continent were not hard to detect. In Belgium, bilateral talks with Palestinian representatives succeeded in strengthening and

promoting diplomatic ties with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Israeli pressure to the contrary was obviously

In Britain, the meeting be-tween Douglas Hogg (British minister for political affairs) and Faisal Al Husseini caused widespread Israeli and Zionist political uproar. It is the first such meeting on such a high level after a virtual freeze for almost two

Although Mr. Husseini enjoys "no official status" that connects him to the PLO, other members of the Palestinian delegation who accompanied him were official members in the PLO. A member

of the delegation is the head of the European Division in the PLO while the other is PLO's official representative in the United Kingdom.

The fact that the delegation was headed by Mr. Husseini - a native of Jerusalem - left Israel and its supporters world-wide in a state at complete restlessness. So annoyed was Israel by the level and composition of the delegation that it submitted an official remonstance to the British ambassador to Israel.

The meeting, which caused so much uproar, came during a tour to Europe by Shimon Peres. The timing was not accidental and the message was clear: A new Euro-

pean position is in the making.
The European Community (EC) has finally decided to adopt a unified position challenging Israel and its premier Yitzhak Rabin who does not favour a strong and active European participation in the peace process ever since its inception in Madrid. This was clearly exhibited in this week's meeting between the European Troika and a Palestinian delegation headed by Mr.

nian foreign minister). On his part, Douglas Hurd, the British foreign minister, rejected the Israeli objection and confirmed — at the same time — that Britain will seize every opportunity possible to encourage the

Farouk Kaddoumi (the Palesti-

peace process in the Middle East a process that cannot be con pleted successfully without th active participation of the PLE the legitimate representative of all Palestinians, whether residual in the occupied territories or the diaspora.

Finally, events in the America scene confirm our analysis. The reference here is to a session of special committee of the U.S. Congress entrusted with Midease ern affairs with Mr. Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary the Middle East.

It seemed obvious during the session that a number of congressional members of the Democrational tic Party urged the American politician to speed up efforts for a political settlement in the Middle East. A prominent member of the committee said that the 1973 war cost the American taxpayers between \$10-20 billion and more than 10,000 jobs in the U.S. due to the Arab oil embargo which

Some members questioned the wisdom of the U.S. allocation of \$14 billion for foreign aid at time when the economic crisis is hitting the American economy followed.

very hard.
The subsequent messages and various press releases that were uttered by U.S. Secretary of State. Warren Christopher and Edward Djerejian in the last few days, plus the meeting with the Palesti-nian delegation, all indicate and increased willingness on the part of the U.S. for the continuation and activation of the peace pro-

Once certain conditions (especially concerning the evictees) are met and changed, all parties concerned (including the Palestinians) are expected to show up in Washington for the new round of talks scheduled for April 20.
American and Israeli officials indicated that Israel is expected offer substantial concessions on the issue of human rights in the occupied territories. An improvement of the conditions of the first stage of the interim self government rule will also be contem-

The writer is a member of the Palestine National Council.

## THE WEEK IN PRINT

# Palestinians entitled to international protection

THE MAIN events of the past week: Israel's closure of the occupied Arab territories in the wake of the upsurge of resistance activity and the visit to the region by a delegation from the European Community (EC) were the main topics in the daily press this week.

Al Dustour daily reiterated an Arab demand for the United Nations to provide protection to the Palestinian population in the face of Israel's repression. The paper said that by clamping curfews and blockades on the occupied territories, the Israelis are trying to starve a population of two million living under constant terror in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

These atrocities, which constitute flagrant violations of international rules, are condoned by major powers and it is up to the world community as a whole now to give the Palestinians the protection they deserve for their survival and for their freedom, the pap-

Under the title "Time is not in Israel's favour" Sawt Al Shaab daily said that the escalation of Israeli crimes against the Arab population and subjecting the Palestinians to new atrocities and crimes can by no means save Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his government. Mr. Rabin's measures can by no means stifle the spirit of resistance. The U.S.-Israeli alliance's offers to the Palestinians to resume the peace talks without solving the expellees problem will not succeed, said the paper.

Al Ra'i said that the upsurge of resistance against Israeli occupation was driving Mr. Rabin mad. Mr. Rabin faces two options: resign and seek mental treatment at one of the lunatic asylums or continue to rule with the so-called iron fist and be dealt ignominious de-feat at the hands of the heroic intifada, said the paper. The closure of the Arab areas under Israeli rule, said the paper, is a declaration of defeat for the Israeli occupation and all its leaders.

Sultan Al Hattab, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said that the Palestinian resistance was driving the Israelis crazy. He said that with the new order from their government to fire on Palestinians suspected of car-

rying weapons, the Israelis could be shooting people holding bags of potatoes or bread or old men leaning on walking sticks. The Israelis, who are holding on to the occupied Arab land, are indeed filled with fear of the mere sight of the Arab walking down the streets and are always on the alert fearing for their lives, the writer said. The closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is perhaps a momentary measure on the part of Rabin's government to give them time to contemplate the next step in dealing with the Palestinians. he added. But, he said, the order to shoot will by all means further inflame the Palestinian intifada and cause further bloodshed.

time has come for the world-European Community in particular to step in and end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The EC delegation should heed the King's warnings to the world in the event the Middle East crisis remains un-

settled, said the paper. Referring to the Damascus meeting, of foreign ministers of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine, Mahmoud Rimawi, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said that the meeting ended in good results. The ministers' decision to postpone taking action with regard to the resumption of peace talks until inter-Arab consultations have been completed, said the writer, was a very wise decision. The decision paved the ground for the Arab parties to seek further coordination and offered the

"The closure of the (West Bank and Gaza) is a declaration of defeat for the Israeli occupation and its leaders" Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

The Land Day anniversary observed by the Arab people under Israeli rule is no more an anniversary of sadness but rather an outlook towards the future, said a columnist in Al Ra'i. The anniversary has been contributing to the dissipation of the Israeli dream of building the "Greater Israel" because it has been an occasion for an escalation of resistance, said Abmad Al Misleh.

Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour, believes that Israel will not give up one inch of Arab territory unless forced to do so. The writer said that the escalation of resistance means transforming the land of Palestine into hell for the occupation forces. He said Arabs seeking to regain their usurped rights have no alternative but to struggle against the

Referring to the EC delegation's visit to the Arab World. Sawt Al Shaab daily said that the delegation members heard Jordan's views, which reiterated the need for the European nations to extend a hand in the peace process. His Majesty King Hussein stressed Jordan's desire for peace, noting the country's leading role in the peace process, which, said the paper, should bring about a

durable settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Echoing similar views. Al Dustour daily said that the Israelis and the Americans more time to take a more positive move to make it possi-ble for the Arabs to go to the

negotiating table, he added. For Tareq Masarweh, a columnist in Al Ra'i, more important than the Damascus meeting were the contacts being held between the United States and the Palestinians. The writer said that the whole peace process hinges on what the Palestinians will decide, and it is important that the Palestinians show no weakness.

In the view of Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab, the Israelis will not budge one inch from their position and will not repatriate the expellees, nor will they return Arab land to the Arabs. He said that the Arab parties should stop relying on the United States for such deals.

Citing Washington's attempts to find a way around the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799, the writer said that it was a clear sign from the United States that it would never give up its bias towards Israel.

A columnist in Al Dustour discussed the question of exploiting mosque pulpits by religious leaders as a forum to peddle political ideas. Mosques are places of worship and should remain so. They must not be transformed into means for causing sedition among the

community through slanderous statements against persons as is being done in our co Samir Habashneh. "Seldom a week passes without hearing a sermon full of attacks against individuals or groups, something which is considered alien

to our faith," said the writer. Mr. Habashneh also discussed parties and political activities saying that although political parties have now become licensed, the official information service in the country continues to ignore them. He said the information services should contribute to enhancing the democratic process.

Referring to Jordanian women, the writer said despite their continued efforts to promote their social and political stand, there is little chance for any woman to be elected in Parliament this year. The writer demanded that a special quota for women be introduced to ensure their representation in the next Lower House of Parliament.

Discussing the performance of the outgoing Parliament, Mona Shuqair, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that the last ordinary session of the House ended without the emergence of a real opposition force in Parliament and that the Lower House has totally failed in living up to the promises it had made to the electorate, namely to deal with poverty, unemployment and the rising cost of living among other important Discussison of numerous

laws can by no means be regarded as an accomplishment by the House, and the desire fisplayed by many deputies to be nominated as ministers in the government has backfired on the House, the writer said. She said that the Jordanian public has repeatedly displayed its dissatisfaction with the long speeches of deputies which, she said, did not contribute to the House's success.

A columnist in Al Dustour urged the Ministry of Labour to seize the opportunity of the Arab labour ministers conference in Amman on Monday to demand the rights of the returning expatriates who had sustained losses for being forced out of Kuwait and the Gulf area in the past three

Abdullah Qaq said that the expatriates look towards the coming conference to serve them justice and help them get their compensations and their life-time savings.

# **Looming uncertainties**

## Moscow's domestic turmoil fateful for U.S.-Russian ties

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON — As President Bill Clinton heads into his first summit with a Russian leader, he faces the possibility of increasing difficulties with Moscow on foreign policy challenges and an indefinite delay in two key arms

treaties. Unlike in past summits, neither subject is expected to dominate the meeting set for April 3-4 in Vancouver, Canada, with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

The summit has a more narrow focus — to boost Mr. Yeltsin as a reformer committed to leading Russia from totalitarianism and a command economy to democracy and free markets..

But cooperation in the international arena and the fate of the two treaties that would slash strategic nuclear stockpiles remain serious issues in the U.S.-Russia relationship. They will have to be addressed in depth. if not at the summit then at some other point, by the two sides.

Cooperation with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and then Mr. Yeltsin as the cold war ended was a major factor in U.S. efforts to begin Arab-Israeli peace talks and build the Gulf war coalition against Iraq, among other initia-

Now that the political brawl between Mr. Yeltsin and Russia's conservative legislature has paused in deadlock, U.S. analysts are mulling how it will affect American interests.

For now, Mr. Yeltsin remains president and will get the April 25 referendum he demanded. But the Congress of People's De-puties attached conditions that may not resolve the struggle over who rules Russia.

In the short term, analysts do not expect Mr. Yeltsin to have much energy to devote to foreign policy matters as he wages his domestic battle to remain in pow-

Martha Brill Olcott, an expert on Russian affairs, told Reuters: "I think Yeltsin's ability to move on foreign policy is going to be circumscribed. He has to define for himself the widest possible mandate between now and whatever election is held on April 25... He has to have wide appeal to the electorate."

Mr. Yeltsin's nationalist enemies in parliament, strengthened in recent months, have frequently attacked him for being too pro-Western and too ready to strike a deal with Washington.

That criticism is certain to con-

tinue although some analysis doubt that rank-and-file Russians concem ing standard of living, care about

such matters. These analysts argue that for & ign policy is just another tool nationalist politicians have used against Mr. Yeltsin.

But there is no question it has had an impact.

For more than a year, in its United Nations' policy moves on Bosnia's civil war. Washington has accommodated Russian concerns about Serbs who are largely blamed for the conflict.

Russia traditionally has been the Serbs' defender and that emotional link has been exploited by Mr. Yeltsin's adversaries.

Just last week, Washington agreed to postpone a vote on enforcing a no-fly zone over Bosnia until Mr. Yeltsin weathered his political firestorm at home. Russia, however, remains cool to enforcement and also opposes other U.S.-backed initiatives.

Dr. Olcott, a professor at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, said Kussia has yet to define its post-cold war security interests and warns it is not clear how Moscow may act in the future towards China, Iran or on arms sales to these and other

Another major area of concern comes in the form of the two strategic arms reduction treaties. Start-1 and Start-2, which were signed in 1991 and 1993 respectively, and together would make radical cuts in the deadliest ato-

Start-1 is being blocked by Ukraine, which has delayed ratfication far beyond the timeline promised and now cites recent instability in Russia as more reason for footdragging.

Start-2 cannot come into force until Start-1 is implemented. Nationalists say this treaty sucrenders Russia's superpower status and some are determined to

Under the circumstances, it is unclear when Mr. Yeltsin might be in a position to push this pact through the legislature.

Despite the uncertainties. some are optimistic.

Analyst Leon Aron said he expects most U.S.-Russia cooperation to continue apace because Mr. Yeltsin appreciates what risk it was for Mr. Clinton to back im at a critical time.

Mr. Aron also argues that because Russia's legislature proved it was bent on Mr. Yeltsin's political demise rather than comp promise, Mr. Yeltsin will feel under little pressure to mollify it on foreign policy or other issues.





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The changes that we will without in the lew remaining years of the 20th century will probably affect all the dimensions of our life. These changes will

either be the outcome of divelopments we have experienced in the recent past or the result of events we are presently observing. We look tooward with tope and confidence to the changes that the future will bring.

The collapse of communism has proved to be a very influential agent of change. For the backing industry it has operad wider hotzons, and these new opportunities will not be limited only to the size of financial markets. On the opiniony, the development of a voutdwide political system based on liberal democracy should lead to material dranges in the structure of the banking industry. The magnitude of these changes will influently with the new philosophy that is likely to prevail in the luture. We standard the gates of a new and very important apoch, a time of change when the human spirit leaps forward, transcending its previous shape and assuming see continuence of old coacepts and bonds that previously linked our world together is now collapsing. A new spiritual phase is evolving and seem needs are arising to meet this change. These seems will be satisfied by the creation of new products and services penalted to importance, but differing in structure, from those existing today.

Regional integration, groupings will one here a significant impact on maniful promising the fact that the property community (C.) the profit and property or their groupings are set in terminal to the profit and property or their groupings are set in the maniful to the maniful the profit and the profit and the groupings are set in the maniful to the maniful to the maniful to the profit and the groupings are set in the profit and the groupings are set in the groupings and it is a set in possible that we shall write the discussion the groupings are set in the grouping and it is also possible that we shall write the discussion the control of the profit and the grouping and it is possible that we shall write the discussion the control of the second that the shall write the control of the second the control of the profit of the control of the second that the shall write the control of the second the control of the second that the shall write the control of the second that the shall be control of the second that the shall write the control of the second that the shall write the control of the second that the shall write the control of the second that the shall be controlled to fourth economic area. With this kind of s fourth economic area. With this kind of economic and financial polarisation the leading commercial and investment barns will have to stone out of the local boundaries and prepare to operate stocessorie in international markets, armed with a highly experienced management ream attenual capital, efficient staff and most importantly, the sharp to undesstand the matter of the changes and to adopt to their stocessories.

satural disasters, do not now cause as such serious concern. Unfortunately, new and more complicited problems have attenues as result of this advancement the world faces global warning acid pain, the wholesale destruction of the earth's tropical rain forests and most importantly, the inability of the human body to concern sately sumy new man-made channels.

A proper moral and social philosophy is chanton acide to see social states and most cope with the speed of technical progress but such a philosophy is acking. Without this moral balance, noweast science and technology may not early solve by torces that will destroy remaining.

The banking industry has benefited form modern tecturology, especially in the field of communications and information processing. Only by efficing modern technology is it possible to process instantaneously a growing number of financial transactions arbitraries they arise All relevant integration is transmitted to the decision-maker in a finely fisher and in the proper form to be processed immediate access to geographically distant parkets without the need for a physical presence has become a servical operation, indeed, modern architrology has transformed all regional and scattered activities into an imagnated and smilled whole financial institution strategies have had to be aftered to cone with and benefit from this enormous increase in efficiency. Star and visiting had to give way to effectiveness; quality and profitability.

And Bank Stands of the gate of the future with confidence and hope, if remains positive upty faithful to its mission search in heseel on a

confinitions and positive contribution to the development of the economy of the Real world and the societies where it operates. This mission is definitive and will never change. To fulfil this test successfully, we need to understand the dynamics of the future and to deal with them effectively, relying on our own resources. All of our future activities should be inspired. by a vision guided by the needs of our customers and the will to excel in serving them. The Bank's future development will be based on three pillars: an elite and efficient staff, advanced fechnology, and a sufficient capital

The future changes require a management that will be increasingly able to make timely adjustments in both capabilities and behaviour. Human behaviour is the most resistant to change. The staff members of Arab Bank are well individed, loyal and devoted, nevertheless, in order to cope with the last pace of change they need advanced training on a continuous basis to meet new demands. The Bank is also prepared to strengthen its existing post of talent by the addition of new, highly qualified skills capable of prescient responses and actions:

recombinal advancement is the most dynamic agent of change in the banking industry. Arab Bank is one of the leading institutions utilizing modern fections of in its operations. For the future, new concepts are being formulated in the field of data processing, communications, and ners, services. Arab Bank will continue employing its resources to appoire new appropriate, and advanced technology.

We will also continue to progress in boosting our capital base. A solid Papital base is needed, not only to meet legal requirements, but also because it touches upon the core of the Bank's operations. The net worth of a financial institution provides the power that enables it to face risks and animalces its flexibility in adjusting to change. It is also a must for interpretional operations. With the new legal requirements, the size of the Bank and its volume of arrivings become locally dependent on the size of

To return to 1962, Lam pleased to report that the Bank had a good year in atmost all of its activities. The financial statements show that net income for the year reached JD 55.1 million, representing an increase of JD 1.5 million and 20% over 1981. Total revenue grow to JD 195.0 million, or 5.2%. The structure of revenue was slightly altered to favour of commissions as a result of our contiguous work to enhance revenue from financial services. Net income of the Group mather USS 186.4 million.

increased by JD 138.0 million or 21% to mach JD 6,581.0 million in comparison with JD 6,443.0 million at the end of 1991.

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UBAE Arab German Bank SA was among the last of these in operation. At the same time, we established Arab Bank AG, a fully owned subsidiary in Frankfurt Germany. This new addition to our

Germany. This new addition to our worldwide neturns will start operating in the next few days, it is important to measure that the license was granted to cur Group in accordance with the European Community Directives on Banking, which became effective as of Jacobary 1,1993. Areb Bank AG will cooperate with our branches to the EC to link Europe in general and Germany in particular with the markets of the Arab world. We have great hopes that it will be a valuable addition to the promotion of German-Arab economic cooperation. A branch for Arab Bank AG will be established in Luxembourg in the hear future

in 1992, we also obtained a licence from the Bank of Spain for operating a branch in Medrid. All official and legal requirements were satisfied. We hope that this branch will start its operations at the beginning of the third quarter of 1993 after formishing the premises and staffing has been completed.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your unfalling support and our costomers for their valuable confidence in us. I also thank the Bank stati for their continuing dedication and lovally.

Abdumsjeed Shoman Chamman, Board of Directors

## All THE DOORS ARE OPEN

Undoubledly. Arab Bank has hidden powers that distinguish it from other regional banks and probably also from some international banks. These hidden powers came into sight in 1992 when multinational linencial institutions in general, and incorporated those outside OECD the countries, in particular, were subjected to an unprecedented number of new regulations aimed at tightening the supervision of central banks and eliminating any possible gaps in their control. . . .



in June, the Basis Committee of the Group of Ten adjusted the guidelines of the Concordat recommendations. The principles of the Concordat have been reformulated to strengthen minimum standards which the Group of Ten supervisory authorities expected each other to observe in their respective countries. These include home country consolidated supervision by a competent supervisor; the prior consent of both the host and tiome country supervising authority on any creation of cross-border banking establishment; the right to galiter information by the supervisory authority from the cross-border banking establishment of the bank, or those banking groups for which they are the home country supervisor; and the authority to impose restrictive measures necessary to satisfy the supervisory authority's prudential concerns, including the prohibition of the creation of banking establishments.

Furthermore, all multinational banks should have a transparent corporate structure to facilitate effective supervision. Failure to maintain such transparency should be a sufficient ground in itself for revoking authorization.

On another front, the sites of the BIS Committee on International Convergence of Capital Measurements and Capital Standards came into full effect on 31 December, 1992, All commercial banks operating within the Group of Ten stroub satisfy the 6% minimum. standard of capital asset risk-weighted ratio. in 1992, the Central Bank of Jordan adopted the BIS rules and all Jordanian banks became subject to the capital adequacy requirement.

On 1 January 1993, the European Community Second Directive was fully implemented, it aims to reduce barriers to Irade and to lacilitate the freedom of establishment; the freedom to provide services, and the free movement of capital william the Community, it involves both mutual recognition of the authorization granted by the members states supervisory authorities and the establishment of common standards. It provides for the supervisory authority in the home state to become responsible for the Community-wide authorization of its credit institutions and their subsidiaries.

in the United States, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation improvement Act (FDICIA) became effective in December 1992. It established a new system of risk-based premium insurance that requires weaker banks to pay more into the FDIC Fund than their strongly capitalized counterparts. The risk-based premium is justified because weaker banks are more likely to need the Fund's assets in the future. The introduction of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 107 "Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments" was another rule imposed on the banking industry in the United States.

SFAS 107 is an actual translation of the unrelenting Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) pressures to force banks and "thrifts" to record current values in their financial statements."

Under this rigid and more restrictive banking environment the supervisory authorities in the Group of Ten and in other OECD countries re-examined foreign banks' subsidiaries and branches operating within their respective jurisdiction. Several banks were requested to rectify their structure in order to adhere to the newly introduced rules. More seriously, the licences of some of the banks were actually revoked. At the same time, and under the same conditions, the doors were opening to Arab Bank Group. It was granted a new unrestricted licence to operate in the EC via its new fully-owned subsidiary in Frankfurt. Another licence was obtained for a branch in Madrid. There are plans to convert the merchant banking subsidiary, Arab Australia Lid., into a full-fledged commercial bank in addition to this, several branches. were established by the Bank in the Arab countries.

Time after time the Arab Bank Group's entities came out on too with high marks from the supervisory authorities in those countries where the Group operates. The Arab Bank management has endeavoured over the years to build a sound financial position and reliable structure. It has earned its distinction by hard work and sensible policies, which include prudent management of funds; preference for sound financial position rather than aiming for short-term profitability; and diligent care of customers' trust and provision of excellent customer services. A natural result of these policies was a deep seated confidence in the Bank by its customers and shareholders, as well as by its regulatory authorities. This confidence is the cornerstone of the Group's Hidden powers.

Khalid Shoman Deputy Chairman, Board of Directors



# ARAB BANK PLC

## Balance Sheet as of 31st December 1992 and 1991

	1992		1991
	J.D.('000)		J.D.(*000
Assets		14. 2 1. 10. 12. 3 1. 10. 10. 3 1. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Cash in hand and at banks.	3,420,872		3,483,026
Securities and investments	968,935		°66,225
Loans and advances	2,596,201		2,650,759
Customers tiability On acceptances	111,076		28.636
Premises and equipment	42,259		37.100
Accreed interest receivable	49,512		35.273
Offier assets	39,522	10-1	34,088
Total Assets	7,127,377		6,924,507
Customers, liability on guarantees and letters of			
credit	2,225,695		1.829.823
Total	9,353,072		8,754,330
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44,000	24,600	Capital
28.850	36,000	Statutory reserve
51,400	60,000	Voluntary reserve
221,950	248,600	General reserve
		Total Liabilities and
5,924,507	pairy 7.327,377	Shareholders Eq.
1,829,823	2.225.695	Guarantees and letters of credit
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## Profit and Loss Statement for the years ended 31st December 1992 and 1991

	J.D.(1900)	JDro
Revenue		
laterest revenue	426,341	<b>50</b> 0.0
Less: Interest expense	296,123	
Net interest revenue	^ / 130,220 \	72%
Non-interest revenue		
Commissions	35,756	30/40/2000 <b>30/31.</b>
Foreign exchange trading	9,704	
Other revenue	19.263	
Total non-interest revenue	64,723	<b>7843</b>
Total Revenue	194,943	185.3
Expenses		
Salaries and staff benefits	50,868	3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Depreciation of premises and equipment	4,863	
Other expenses and provisions	68,229	WWW.WW.
Total Expenses	123,960	
Net income before income taxes	79.983	
Income taxes	15,925	14.6
Net income	55.055	/53 <b>,5</b>
Appropriations		
To stationy reserve	7,150	6,8
To voluntary reserve	2,600	(10,70)
To general reserve	25,050	24,9
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Total Appropriations	55,055	3.4.4.5.5 <b>.53.5</b>

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Funds Provided		
Net income	222	58,555
Depreciation of premises and		
equipment	4,862	*673
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goeragos	60.910	
		58,328
increase in Deposits and other accounts	138.420	
	100.000	948,315
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Loans and advances	59.956	
	22.2	
Other pesets	10.927	3.6
Securities and investments		
		15,785
Total Funds Provided	500,787	1,025,494
Funds Applied		
Dividends and terminerations paid:	41.055	7.757
Increase in		
Cash in harid and at banks		
Securities and investments	302.71g	892,411
Loans and advances		116231
Ptemises and equipment	10.02	
Declease is:		4,792
Decrease in Reserves		
		3,890
Total Funds Applied	323,783	A design and
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# Auditors' Report To the Shareholders of Arab Bank.

To the Shareholders of Arab Bank.

We have examined the balance sheet of Arab Bank (a Jordanian public shareholding limited company) as of December 31, 1992 and 1991 and the related statement of income and statement of sources and applications of furids for the years ended December 31, 1992 and 1991. We conducted our audit in accordance with international auditing guidelines and included such tests of the accounting records and of the system of internal control and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We have obtained the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were pecassary for the purpose of our audit.

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P.O. Box Telephone Branch Country (No. of branches Main branches in the Arab countries 950546 660131 23094 670564 Jordan (63) Shmeisani, Amman King Faisal St., Amman 638161 21230 637082 256398 Manama O.B.U. 255988 210443 395 Bahrain (3) Manama 2006 5746218 21401 5746165 Egypt (4) Cairo 11-1015 22282 Lebanon (11) Riad Solh St., Beirut 430111 41920 602383 379 Tripoli 724501 199 Saida 410774 172 437979 Qatar (2) 4202 Doha 875 22257 U.A.E. (8) Abu Dhabi 11364 228845 46126 285974 Al Maktoum st., Dubai 2239 263187 240922 475 Yemen (4) Sana'a Main branches in Europe, Asia, and U.S.A. 5700 457111 5717 457890 Cyprus (5) Nicosia 319 43593434 642443 France (2) Paris 3255519 30357 3255401 Greece (1) Athens 6795601 745 6840479 624161 Italy (1) Rome 5330055 5322150 22955 Singapore (1) Singapore 1331 7570024 7570124 S. Korea (1) U.K.(3) 138 3158500 887110 6007620 London 7159700 5934632 238770 U.S.A. (2) 5377

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Depreciation for the year race or USS 11.7 million, rep-leasing an interest of 38.2% computed to USS 8.7 mil-leng up the predicting year. The significant interests in the major was morely caused by the additional write of of the beginning of Auto Bank (Suprimised) Ltd. in Zurich where apparting in St. 3.8 million.

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PERFORMANCE OF THE GROUP ENTITIES

The Group consordated financial statements include the finencial statements of Arab Bank Pic, Arab Bank iğwişteriandı List. a sister company twholly, wered by the shareholders of Aret. Bens. Pr. and the following wholly and majority owned subsidianes of Arab Bank Pic.

Aret Averalia (16., wholly owned subsidiary. Areo Bank (Austria) Ara, wholly comed subsidiary. Areb Tummen Bank, 84.24% sevned.

Arab Bank Pic was established in 1931 it is registered in Jordan as a public chareholding company. Arab Bank Pic is one of the procept linancial institutions in the Arab Sank Pic in the Arab Sank Pi world and ranks among the leading international banks in terms of equity, earnings, and assets. It is engaged in providing a wide variety of financial services, which include retail banking, private banking, trade imencing, meichent benking, commercial real estate lending and international banking.

figure of operations The increase of J.D. 1.5 million in her income after tay segmented the net income for the year to 3.0. 55 1 million. compared to J.O. 53.6 million at the end of 1991: repteaming a growth rets of 2.8%. Revenue in 1992 was gamerated from the following sources:

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· Staff er pentes	53.9		49.3	4,1	3 7
Depreciation . Free-sign and other	\$5		4.7	3.2	4;
67650298	68.7		57.2	50	19
Total	1744		137.5	83	. 58

Financial position

The shareholders' equaly rose by J.D. 41.5 million to reach J.D. 389.0 million, a 12.7% increase over the figures of J.D. 146.2 million in 1991. The cacutal adequacy ratio for the bank at the cert of 1992 was 11.36 ...

Total deposits improved to 1992 to reach J.D. 6,561.7 million from J.D. 8,443.0 million in 1991. Total assets in-creased by J.D. 202.9 million of 2.5%. A comparative analysis of Arab Bank assets in 1992 and 1991 is presented

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Assets'	1992	1991	Variance	47					
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Dering 1992. Aust Bank numagement continued its alteris of polarity as linture strategic objectives within the guide-lines of its pristant. The expected linture changes were incorporated within the general framework of its grais. Speaks steps again later in order to prepare for the future.

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the second quarter of 1993. Moreover, Arab Bank has obtained a licence for operating a branch in Marriel that will start operations at the beginning of the food quarter of 1993. Several branches and offices were also established in the Arab countries and Cyorus, including a new-branch in Arten in the Yoman Republic.

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Arab Bank (Switterland) Ltd. is a Swiss private bank which offers its customers a wide range of private banking services and products as well as after commercial banking activities: The bank has premises in Zurich (where its beed office is treated) and in Geneva.

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A new branch in Jendouba in North West Tunisia was also etabhshed in 1992 ···

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	Location	P.O. Box	Telephone	Telex	Facsimile
Representative office					
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Sister institutions, subsid and associated companies					
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Arabia Insurance Co.	Beirut	11-2172	363610	21016	

Bank and Gaza Strip are temporarily closed and not allowed to function under the tenals occupation.





# ARAB BANK GROUP

Abstracts from the 1992 Directors' Report, Important figures and activities

In accordance with our mission, as outlined by the founder of the bank, the late Abdelhameed Shoman, to serve the Arab world and the societies where we operate, we continued our endeavours to provide our customers with outstanding services. We worked hard to meet their changing needs and looked after their interests with care and prudence.

The financial statements show that the Group achieved good results and performed all the tasks that were previously established for it by the management.

### **Net Income**

Net income grew at the rate of 6.9%, and reached US\$ 106.4 million compared to US\$ 99.5 million in 1991. This positive performance is attributable to the stable earning power of all entities in the Group. Income from associated companies was also better than in 1991.

### Financial position

As a result of the decline of the Jordanian dinar (by 2.3%) and the Swiss franc (by 8.3%) against the US dollar, the structure of the Group balance sheet was slightly altered in 1992. A 2.2% decrease in customer deposits, 1.5% decrease in total assets and 0.5%

decrease in the liquidity ratio were the main characteristics of the change in the financial position of 1992.

Shareholders' Equity

Arab Bank Group's shareholders' equity reached US\$ 993.0 million, representing an improvement of US\$ 40.1 million and 4.2% over the 1991 figures. It amounted to 6.9% of total assets. The capital adequacy ratio for the Group, measured according to the Basle Committee rules was 12.5% Moreover, shareholders' equity at the end of 1992 was 23.5% of the loan portfolio.

### Geographical Distribution

The group's activities in Europe continued to lead other areas with total assets of 50.4%, deposits 50.8%, revenue 43.0% and loan portfolio 32.1%. Arab Bank operations in Jordan showed a solid performance in 1992. The Jordanian figures improved to 16.4% in total assets, 15.3% in loan portfolio, 18.6% in deposits, and 20.9% in revenue. The Far East and Australia operations continued to progress, achieving 6.0% in total assets, 12.1% in loan portfolio, 2.3% in deposits, and 6.4% in revenue. The operations in North America were consolidated at lower levels in 1992.

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Balance Sheet as of 31st December 1992 and 1991

	1992	1991	
Assets	US\$('000)	US\$('000)	
Cash in hand and at banks	8,041,862	8,672,798	
Securities and investments	1,364,267	941,558	
Loans and advances	4,227,449	4,283,288	
Customers'-tiability on acceptances	160,727	131,270	
Investments in associated companies	335,744	286,624	
Premises and equipment	77,045	76,904	
Accrued interest receivable	72,601	96,924	
Other assets	94,541	106,321	
Total Assets	14,374,236	14,595,687	
Customers' liability on guarantees	3,498,589	2,950,126	
and letters of credit			

Liabilities	US\$('000)	US\$('000)
Deposits and other accounts	13,148,269	13,439,319
Acceptances	160,727	131,270
Accrued interest payable	49,859	52,869
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Total Liabilities	13,381,285	13,642,763
Shareholders' Equity		
Capital	139,246	139,246
Statutory reserve	99,558	88,740
Voluntary reserve	127,571	115,126
General reserve	635,414	591,222
Reserves with associated companies	202,882	185,455
Retained earnings	2,778	3,718
Total	1,207,449	1,123,507
Translation adjustments	(214,498)	(170,583)
Total Shareholders' Equity	992,951	952,924
Total Liabilities and	14,374,236	14,595,687
Shareholders' Equity		
Guarantees and letters of credit	3,498,589	2,950,126
Total	17,872,825	17,545,813

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Arab Australia Ltd. Sydney Wholly owned subsidiary	Arab Bank Maroc
Arab Bank (Austria) AG Vienna	Oman Arab Bank S.A.O.
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AMMAN - Palestinians have proposed to the United States what they feel is an acceptable mechanism to bring home Palestinians expelled by Israel and restart peace talks, a top Palestine

Reuter

Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said Wednesday. Nabil Shaath, the PLO's top Middle East peace strategist, said the proposal linked a promise by Israel to halt future expulsions with a speedier repatriation of the Palestinians expelled by Israel in

December. "We are not yet satisfied with answers produced by our American interlocutors," he added. "But day to day, negotiations are continuing. We are at a point that needs a little push to produce resuits."

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would raise the Palestinian proposal in his April 6 talks in Washington with U.S. President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher, be

"It (the plan) is a mechanism to simultaneously tie a pledge by Israel not to resort to deportations with an agreed-upon accelerated schedule for the return of the deportees." Dr. Shaath, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told

Reuters. The 17-month-old peace talks were suspended after Israel expelled to South Lebanon 415 Palestinians it accused of links to militant Muslim groups that attacked Israeli soldiers.

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far rejected any demand that it renounce expulsions in order to restart the peace talks.

Dr. Shaath said the Palestinian proposal would "entail the Palestinians and Israelis handing separate envelopes (written statements) to the United States, each saying he would fulfill his part of the deal if the other does."

The U.S. sponsor (of peace talks) would be a witness to the fulfillment of the agreed time framework," he added.

These are the two practical issues — the wording of a pledge by Israel not to resort to deport again and a mechanism to produce an accelerated return of the deportees." he said.

"It provides a way out of the practical dilemma of the deportee problem and has a lot of precedents in diplomatic history.

Israel has agreed to attend what could be the ninth round of peace talks in Washington on April 20. But Arabs and the Palestinians want firmer assurances on the expellees.

Dr. Shaath said the Palestinians were examining a number of "drafts of pledges" by Israel not to use expulsions in the future - a key Arab demand to restart the talks.

"A variety of texts are being floated now but none of them are yet satisfactory to us." he said. Dr. Shaath said that the PLO's proposal sought to accommodate an oath taken by the exiles only to return together.

"Under the accelerated return plan, even if the deportees do not want to go back in installments. they can all wait a short period Israel has agreed to take back before the installments are due

## Pakistan vows to expel thousands of fighters

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan has threatened to expel thousands of Arabs once bankrolled by Washington in its proxy war against Soviet occupation forces in neighbouring Afghanis-

The Arabs had come to Pakistan, mostly from Egypt, in the 1980s to join the Afghan resistance, and stayed on after an Islamic government was installed in Kabul last year to fight for a more strictly fundamentalist

But their continued presence has made Pakistan skittish because of the militants' links to the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York and other lawless acts.

On Thursday, the government mercenaries and warned that their days in Pakistan may be numbered — though its ability to follow through on the threat was

"They aren't just our creation," Interior Minister Shujaat Hussein said. "They are also their (Washington's) creation during

Afghan war." For nine years, until Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989, Pakistan was Washington's bulwark against the

spread of communism in southern

The United States spent billions of dollars on weapons sent to Pakistan for distribution to the Afghan resistance, headquartered the dusty frontier city of Peshawar.

Initially, Pakistan and the United States welcomed the arrival of the extremists, whose numbers were not documented. But now that the war is over they see them as a destabilising factor because of the very fundamentalism that brought them to Pakistan in the first place.

Several figures in the World Trade Centre bombing in February turned out to be Arab militants who had trained in Afghanistan or were linked to the mer-

Mahmud Abdul Halima, the former New York city taxi driver from Egypt accused of being the bombing mastermind, fought in Afghanistan.

News reports claimed that two sons of Egyptian cleric Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, who is said to be linked to several of the bombing suspects, fought in Afghanistan and that the blind cleric himself was in Peshawar in

# PLO offers 'mechanism' | Can a U.N. bureaucracy deal with emergencies?

By Sylvie Girard

Following is an article reprinted from Refugees, a monthly magazine of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

A United Nations bureaucracy involved in emergency operations may seem like a contradiction in terms, but it has become an increasingly common role for the U.N. High Commissioner for Re-

In northern Iraq and ex-Yugoslavia, UNHCR staff members have found themselves doing everything from distributing blankets and baby food to organising airlifts and planning and leading road convoys.

This hands-on role has sparked considerable debate within UNHCR as well as in the humanitarian relief community at

As one senior staff member puts it: "We at UNHCR are a bureaucratic organisation trying to be as operational..." as possi-ble. Others add that UNHCR must take a more active role the very nature of humanitarian emergencies demands it. Lives depend on it.

Of all U.N. agencies, UNHCR is probably the most operational. But it has not always been this

Created in the aftermath of World War II, UNHCR's governing statute did not foresee direct assistance to refugees. Instead, the office's role was defined as "searching for lasting solutions" to refugee problems, and its operational role was limited to "facilitating the coor-dination of the efforts of private organisations who deal with the welfare of refugees."

In "classic" refugee situations, the actual work on the ground has been the responsibility of either host governments or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). UNHCR's traditional role has been to fund some or most of the assistance, to supervise the programme, to control the finances and to provide technical advice.

But as refugee situations became ever more complex and dramatic, UNHCR was compelled to become more operational. Over the years, with political

upheavals in Africa, Asia and Central America forcing whole communities into flight, UNHCR has had to adapt to situations in which food, water and shelter had to be provided quickly to people in remote areas. Often, these refugees were perceived as a security threat by receiving countries, complicating even further UNHCR's work.

The crises which prompted UNHCR to set up its first ence. Cambodians into Thailand in late 1979, and the boat people exodus from Vietnam. Initially a threeperson team, the emergency unit drew up preparedness guidelines for emergencies, including the

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But UNHCR's experience in Central America in the 1980s was a turning point in its operational capacity. With entire communities fleeing massive human rights abuses and settling precariously in remote and hostile border areas. UNHCR offices in the region had to be bold and imaginative in carrying out their work. Protection, the cornerstone of that work, became actual physical protection as UNHCR field officers established a 24hour presence in the camps, often under very trying circumstances. For the first time, UNHCR estabhished an office in the country of origin to better monitor the fate of those who chose voluntary repatriation. Returnees were accompanied by UNHCR staff as

they made their way home. In both Central America and Southeast Asia, the keys to success were flexibility and adaptability to changing situations. Thanks to a flexible mandate, UNHCR was able to become more operational as the situation warranted.

The end of the cold war brought calls from the international community for UNHCR to become even more operational. Donor states became more worried about North-South problems, such as massive migrations, than about East-West tensions. "As governments substitute humanitarian intervention for political action, we're being called upon to be more effective than we've ever been before, says Eric Morris, Deputy Director for the Division of Programmes, Support, Budget and Fi-

In 1989, the member states of UNHCR's Executive Committee urged the organisation to step up its early warning activities, and improve emergency staffing and stockpiling procedures. A year later, the Executive Committee recognised that the high commis-sioner needed more flexibility to ensure funding in emergencies. In February 1991, it approved an increase of the Emergency Fund from \$10 million to \$20 million. It also authorised, within that new ceiling up to \$6 million for any

one emergency. Although UNHCR had been confronted with major refugee emergencies since the late 1970s, the Kurdish crisis in the spring of 1991 was unprecedented both in scope and in international interest. According to many observers within and outside the organisation, UNHCR staff arrived on the scene of the emergency too slowly, in insufficient numbers, and with inadequate experi-

operation noted: "In the Gulf, UNHCR's capacity to act quickly and decisively was limited by the absence of structures, systems and procedures designed to meet the specific needs of an

Previous proposals to set up

emergency procedures had often gone unimplemented. But the magnitude of the Kurdish emergency prompted newly appointed High Commissioner Sadako Ogata to forcefully push for the implementation of concrete proposals for the quick mobilisation of funds, of personnel, and for the prepositioning of relief items. In short, she called for the mobilisation of the entire organisation for effective emergency response.

The old emergency unit was revamped. The new unit, renamed the Emergency Preparedness and Response Section, became operational in February 1992. Its role is to develop resources and tools to enhance the capacity of the Regional Bureaus respond to emergencies.

While the new Emergency Section represents a major step forward, it is only one element of the overall response. Its range of action is squeezed between the political decision-making process (the first phase of emergency response) and the longer-term emergency operation itself (the third phase). The Emergency Section is not meant to have control over the first or the third

The section's most important innovation was the placement of specific staff and resources on standby at all times. As Janet Lim, chief of the new section, put it: "Before, we had no bodies on standby to send to the field in an emergency. Now we do."
These "bodies" include five

newly appointed Emergency Preparedness and Response Officers (EPROs) at the senior level who act as a "fire brigade." Each is responsible for a particular geographical area. In the event of an emergency, they are deployed immediately to the field as leaders for the Emergency Response Teams. They are responsible for setting up the structure and systems to ensure the smooth running of the emergency operation.

Some 20 staff members make up the teams. Team members, Lithough assigned to posts in various locations, are always on standby for emergency missions. Another 40 staff members are part of an Emergency Roster that can be drawn from when required. Specialists in logistics, nutrition, health, water, sanitation, site planning and other areas are also on call in the initial stages of an emergency.

With UNHCR's human resources overstretched, there is also provision for the secondment of external personnel. One successful innovation has been a standby arrangement with the Norwegian and Danish Refugee used for the fire the Gulf crisis. It provides for the rapid deployment of large numbers of experienced technical staff within 72 hours of an

emergency.
UNHCR also maintains a com-

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puterised roster of over 500 technical consultants who can be called into an emergency when national technical experts in the

host country cannot be found. UNHCR has also entered into an agreement with the Swedish Rescue Services Board (SRB), the civil defence branch of the Swedish army. SRB personnel can be seconded to UNHCR on very short notice for a period of three to four weeks to set up living, transport, office, com-

for UNHCR staff, freeing them to deal with the job at hand. As for stockpiling, UNHCR

has established a centrally controlled emergency reserve to provide basic relief supplies to 50,000 beneficiaries at short notice. Supplementing this reserve system are standby agreements with NGOs and inter-governmental organisations which give UNHCR priority access to relief supplies whenever needs exceed

the capacity of the central emergency stockpile. Items chosen for stockpiling are usually those that require a long lead time between the placement of a purchase order and arrival incountry, such as tents, tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, blankets, kitchen sets, water and sanitation equipment, communications equipment, and Rub Hall warehouses. Items with shelf lives of less than a year are excluded.

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ENGLAND BEAT TURKEY 2-0 IN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER: Headed goals by Italian exiles David Platt and Paul Gascoigne earned England a 2-0 win over Turkey in a World Cup qualifier Wednesday. England, who were bombarded with a barrage of missiles by the crowd as they warmed up before the game, shook Turkey with a goal from captain and leading scorer Platt in the sixth minute. They killed off the home side, and made sure of the two points which took them level at the top of European Group Two with Norway and the Netherlands, when Gascoigne hit the second in first-half injury time. In above photo England's Platt (left) heads for the ball, while his teammate Gascoigne (right) watches (AFP photo)

### SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

### All tickets sold for 94 World Cup

LOS ANGELES (AP) - All tickets available for the private sale of the 1994 World Cup have been sold, local organisers said Thursday. "The response to the sale was overwhelming and beyond even our optimistic expectations," said Alan Rothenberg, chairman of World Cup USA 1994. The private sale was for members of the U.S. Soccer Federation and those who requested mail-order forms last year. Tickets for the first and second rounds will be available to the public beginning in June. Tickets are priced at 400, 265 and 150 for a strip of five games at Chicago, where the opening game will be played, and \$355, \$245 and \$140 at Dallas: Foxboro, Mass.; Pasadena, Calif.; East Rutherford, N.J.; Orlando, Fla.: Stanford, Calif; and Washington. The other site. Pointiac, Mich., has only four games, and strips cost \$270, \$185 and \$105. Tickets for the quarterfinals, semifinals, thirdplace game and final will be sold starting in the fall, with prices ranging from \$55 to \$475. Tickets for individual games, if any are available, will not be sold until next February. Of 3.6 million tickts, 2.3 million are being sold in the United States.

### New twist in Ngugi case

NAIROBI (R) - Kenyan five-times world cross country champion John Ngugi feared taking a random dope test because he had taken prescribed medication for a cold, national athletics head coah Danson Musyoki said Friday. A Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA)-appointed independent tribunal has been investigating why the star refused a random dope test, which put him at risk of a four-year ban. A senior athletics source close to the case told Reuters Wednesday the tribunal had cleared Ngugi of any offence but censored him for apparent ignorance of the implications of his actions. The athletics source said the tribunal's decision appeared influenced by Ngugi's apparent total lack of understanding that explaining his case would have vindicated him.

### Otaiuwon examined for possible surgery

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston centre Hakeem Olajuwon injured the middle finger on his right hand during a practice session and was examined by a doctor Wednesday to determine if surgery would be immediately necessary. Olajuwon suffered abrasions on his right hand and a severely swollen finger when he tried to block a shot by teammate Matt Bullard during Tuesday's practice. "If I can wait on surgery I will." Olajuwon said. "But I'd hate to have a finger like this all my life. I'm going to have surgery. It's a question of when. "I need to find out if I'm risking permanent to make a decision.

### Greg Lemond involved in car crash

GHENT, Belgium (AP) — Former world cycling champion Greg Lemond was involved in a car crash near his home in Belgium but escaped without serious injury, police said Wednesday. Lemond's car crashed into another vehicle late Tuesday, slightly injuring both drivers, said a police official who asked not to be identified. While the other driver was taken to hospital with slight injuries, Lemond was able to continue on his journey, the official said.

### **Torino upset Juventus in Cup semifinal**

TURIN (R) - Torino reached the final of the Italian Cup at the expense of local rivals Juventus on Wednesday, winning on the away goals rule after a 2-2 draw in the second leg. The result left the aggregate score tied at 3-3 after the two semifinals at the Stadio Delle Aloi the clubs share. Torino went through as they were nominally the away team Wednesday. They now meet as Roma - 2-1 aggregate winners over league champions AC Milan Tuesday - in a two-leg final in June.

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Both vulperable, as South von hold. ♦953 AKQ1097 A #AK8 The ludding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 Pass Pass ?
What action do you take?

A .- Yes, we know that it partner has as little as a singleton spade and the queen of clubs, slam could be laydown. However, if that's all part-ner has there's no way you're going to enlist his cooperation. As a prac-tical matter, we would opt for four hearts, which might help keep the opponents out of the auction

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

i :

hold. +KJ6 AQ KQ975 +Q109 The Indding has proceeded: South West North East I NT Pass 4 NT Pass

What action do you take? A.—Partner wants you to hid a slam if you are maximum, and you should treat your 17-point hand with good intermediates as such. Rather than bid six no trump, however, you should not overlook the the possibility that a diamond slam could be superior to no trump. Bid six diamonds, to show the five-card

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you

♦Q9843 .7 Q8 ♦AQ943 Your right-hand opponent opens the hidding with one club. What

action do you take? A .-- When your opponents open in your best suit, it is usually a sound principle to stay out of the auction. With such a poor spade suit, passing is the prudent choice. Of course, reverse our black suits and we would unhesitatingly overcall one >pade

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you

◆A QJ932 4 ◆AJ9732 What is your opening hid? A.—Consider carefully your rebid. If you open one club and partner responds one spade, or the opponents compete vigorously in that suit, you could easily lose the heart suit. To prevent that from happening open the hidding with one heart, intending to rebid two clubs if the response is at the one-level.

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you hold: **♦QJ932** A AJ9732 #4

What is your opening bid."

A.—When you hold the spade suit. there's little chance of it getting lost in either a competitive or non-competitive auction. Open one diamond. It partner responds one heart, bid one spade. If partner's initial response is two clubs, rebid two diamonds and, since responder has promised another bid, you can show your spades next.

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♦KJ76 8763 KJ92 **+**6 The hidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 3 4 ?

-Preemptive What do you bid now? A .- Since it looks as if all your points are working, a bid of three hearts now might be mistaken by partner as heing simply competitive when, in fact, you have a very rea-

sonable hand. Bid four hearts.

# Grand National Bustami wins National Rally

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

favourites —

mean, moody,

LONDON (R) - One's mean

All three are part of the splen-

did ingredients which go to make up Saturday's Grand National

The mean one is Zeta's Lad,

8-1 second favourite after five

successive wins but likely to take a bite out of your hand, given half

The moody one is Kildimo, a 50-1 outsider, but if he's in the

right frame of mind he could run like the favourite.

The third one is 10-1 chance

Party Politics, a flop after his

1992 Aintree triumph until vets surgically punched a hole in his

windpipe to cure his wheezy brea-

thing.
The horse now strides out with

His open-tubed throat looks,

and sounds, hideous. But it has

salvaged his racing career, giving

Party Politics a chance of becom-

ing only the third horse in the last

century to win back-to-back

His air passageways were never

wide enough to fully supply the

lung capacity required to power such

a giant frame. Party Politics is the

A hole cut in his throat comes

with a stopper plug for rest days.

In future, when galloping, air is sucked straight down the tube

The revival was complete when

Party Politics won his haydock

preparatory race and all has gone

Jockey Carl Llewellyn said:

The weather is an important

factor when riding a tubed horse.

When facing directly into the

"If it's muddy, I would rather

come wide than follow a wall of

horses — a clod of turf might get

thrown up and block the tube.

fully aware of my position during

the race. The roar of his brea-

thing is so loud they can't fail to

Zeta's lad may be vicious, but

Trainer John Upson, who has

fallen prey to the horse's flashing

teeth several times, said: "He is

always grumpy and miserable.

His ears are normally down and

he can try to bite you if he catches

Upson added: "There is a lot

talked and written about the

National, but for me it is a staying

chase with a couple of difficult

fences. Provided we don't have

trouble in running, he is sure to

breathed fresh life into the quirky

NO, MA'AM, PATRICIA

ISN'T HERE TODAY ...

SHE HAS A COLD ..

he is also one of the star chasers

"For sure, other jockeys will be

tallest national winner.

Grand Nationals.

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go very well."

individual.

**Peanuts** 

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well since.

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a tunnel.

Steeplechase.

AMMAN — Bashar Bustami Friday drove his Ford Sierra Cosworth 4X4 to victory in the first National Rally of the season organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan the other is moody, the third (RACJ). sounds like a train coming out of

Bustami, and co-driver Malek Hariri captured first place with a time of 1 hour 7 minutes 15 seconds. 1992 Drivers Open Championship titleholder Marwan Abu Hamad and co-driver Khaled Zakaria in another Ford Sierra Cosworth came in second with a time of 1 hour 9 minutes 54 seconds. Amjad Farrah and Faisal Sa'doun in a Toyota Corrola GT finished third with a time of 1 hour 13 minutes 8 seconds.

Only a total of 14 drivers out of 25 starters finished the 350 kilometre rally which included over 100 kilometres of 11 special stages. 1992's second placed Reimon Fleifel and codriver Fawzi Shuqair missed the rally after they had an accident while training

Wednesday in their Lancia De-lta Integrale 16 V.

His Royal Highness Prince
Faisal Ben Al Hussein gave the start signal as competitors set off from RACI headquarters in Amman at 6 p.m. Thursday evening heading north towards the Jerash area.

Mahmoud Komok and codriver Rae'd Wakileh in a Nissan 240 RS led through the first three special stages of Marsa', Masarra and Ras Al Aqra. Ma'rouf Abu Samra and codriver Khaldoun Al Naber in a Toyota Corolla GT were out of the rally after their car overturned.

At the end of the first leg of the rally after service regroup-ing at the Jerash Resthouse. Bustami was leading followed



Bashar Bustami

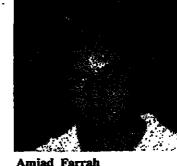


Marwan Abu Hamad

by Komok and Abu Hamad. Komok later lost the lead and dropped out after he broke the rear axle of his car broke.

Hasan Abu Samra and co-driver Ghazi Al Khalidi also dropped out of the rally at the start of special stage 6 at Ras Al Agra. The British ambassa-dor to Jordan, Mr. Patrick Eyers and co-driver Mark Le Goy in a Ford Fiesta XR 2i also went out after mechanical failure in their car. Mohammad Al Daoud and co-driver Abdallah Abu Othman in a Ford Fiesta XR 2i also dropped out.

Clerk of the course Hasan Ala'eddin Friday told the Jordan Times that everything had gone according to plan. "Overall it was a good rally. There was a close competition at the beginning," he said, adding: "The same route will be very suitable for the first leg of the





Hasan Alaeddin

Jordan International Rally." Third-placed Farrah who finished 11th in the past season's championship was happy about his result. "Compared to the powerful cars of the first and second-placed drivers I think my result is very good," Farrah told the Jordan Times. He said that unlike last season, this year he planned to participate in most of the season's events and advance his stand-

Farrah and Sa'doun won first place in Group A. Rally champions Bustami and Hariri took first place in Group N. while Saleh Al Baba and Nabil Kurdi won first place in Group

Farrah and Sa'doun also took first place in Class 2. Majdi Al Jallad and Sameh Al Jallad took first place in Class 3. while Bustami and Hariri took first place in Class 4.

## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY APRIL 3, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: People are apt to be walking around with a chip-on-the-shoulder today, so don't be the one who tries to knock it off or you will find yourself caught up in a battle royal with no where to retreat.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Don't be confused between per-sonal and impersonal aims early for soon you find a new attitude towards a longtime longing brings it to you.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Steer clear of tension between an official and an outside associate but soon an expert bigwig shows how to increase your abundance.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Keep wide awake to some new benefits even while concentrating upon routine activities while later you find an inspired new thought strikes your fancy.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Planning entertainments and recreations now is all right so long as they are not risky for your pocketbook, later handle business LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Don't let some other duty or interest

prevent you from seeing and being with a progressive associate who has it in his/her power to back your VIRGO: (August 22 to September Some new gadget or invention can be utilised to your advantage

by you in some important task you have to do so don't hesitate to procure it now.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Avoid an early discussion with your loved one over some amusement and later consider well what you can best do to show your skill

and animty.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Noventand ability. ber 21) Don't get in the middle early in a dispute between a family member and an outsider but stick to what you would ordinarily do to please the tamily beneath your

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 le December 211 Early there is one flict between seeing a companion and doing duties facing you so plan-time carefully, after which get at communications.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 by January 20) Doing something to enhance the value of your property may cause a problem with your mate who thinks it is to expensitely would large approve. but would later approve.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You and your household do not see eye to eye in the morning so put off discussions until later when more reason will logically prevail.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Whatever you have in mind that requires private study and investigation of a unique nature can be done to your advantage but not in the morning.



"My lawyer got a court order that forbids wrinkles from trespassing on my face."

# Courier, Chang in Salem semifinals

OSAKA (Agencies) — Second seed Michael Chang needed a final set tie-break Friday to see off a persistent challenge by Canadian qualifier Greg Rusedski and reach the semifinals of the Salem Open men's

tennis tournament in Osaka. The slightly-built American stayed on course for a final battle with--burly compatriot Jim Courier. The world number one cruised past Guillaume Raoux to take his lifetime record against Frenchmen to 18-

Rusedski, a big-serving 19year-old ranked 158th, dropped the first set quickly to the ninth-ranked Chang but battled his way back into the match with an impressive 17

Meanwhile, showiumper Har-"It was a tight match, it could have gone either way." Chang said after his 6-2, 4-6. vey Smith is helping his wife Sue Coax the best out of the mercurial Kildimo, a horse with bags of 7-6 (7-1) win. "If I can borrow talent but not always inclined to his serve for a few matches, especially at Wimbledon, it Moving to the Smiths' farm would be helpful." amid Yorkshire Moorland has

Chang, 21, is looking for his second major title of the year after a win in Jakarta.

NO, MA'AM, SHE DOESN'T

WANT ME TO TAKE HER

HOMEWORK TO HER ..

Meanwhile, an unshaven Courier breezed past Raoux 6-4. 6-3, his third a victory against him in three outings.

Although often outgunned by the world's top player, at one stage losing three successive games to love, the smiling, bespectacled Frenchman put up a gutsy fight in the second set, drawing applause from the crowd with his strong backhands.

"He won some battles but I won the war." a laconic Courier summed up.

He now faces fifth seed Amos Mansdorf, who reached the semifinals after opponent Jim Grabb of the United States retired with a shoulder injury suffered playing doubles on Thursday.

Saturday's other semifinal pits Chang against lanky French qualifier Stephane Simian, who beat local favourite Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan 6-1,

6-2 Friday. "I don't know much about Stephane," Chang said. "I know he's French, and he's

ARE YOU OUT OF

SORRY, MATE,

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Capriati, Sanchez Vicario reach quarterfinals

Jennifer Capriati and Arant-xa Sanchez Vicario had to work twice as hard to reach the quarterfinals of the Family Circle Cup Thursday. Sanchez Vicario, seeded

second, and Capriati, the fourth seed, each had to win twice to advance in the clay court tournament, which had its schedule rained out Wednesday.

Of the leading seeds, only Capriati struggled, beating No. 15 Sandra Cecchini 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 with some sharp and timely groundstrokes in the third set. Earlier, Capriati ousted Jessica Emmons 6-2, 7-5.

Sanchez Vicario rolled past Petra Langrova 6-1, 6-0 and Nadine Ercegovic, 6-2, 6-3 to get to the round of eight.

"That's why I practice twice a day and do my training at home, so when it comes to these things, you can get through it," Capriati said.

JUST QUOTING

HER, MA'AM.

# JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold SAYID **GERAW** GOSTEO SPIVLE

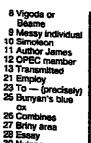
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Mr. Kantor's office can also

initiate investigations on other

alleged infractions although it

faces no specific deadline for

doing so and because of a lack of

resources, past administrations

have only targetted selected infrac-

There is generally a nine-month deadline for completing

talks in the copyright area with

the possibility that failure to re-

solve the disputes could result in

U.S. trade sanctions by raising

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration has accused 44 countries of erecting unfair trade practices that rob American companies of foreign

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In a report prepared by the U.S. Trade Office, Japan was singled out as the biggest perpetfor of barriers to competition in the report, followed by the 12nation European Community (EC).

The report, the eighth annual edition, is the first step in a process that could lead to trade sanctions if negotiations fail to

correct alleged infractions.

President Bill Clinton, when he was campaigning for president last year, accused the Bush administration of failing to aggressively challenge countries to remove barriers that keep American companies from making sales.

In a statement with the report. U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor pledged that the new administration would use the in-

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formation contained in this aimed at correcting alleged viola- the tariffs on imports of products annual review to dismantle trade barriers that are robbing U.S. companies of sales.

Mr. Kantor said that in addition to hard-nosed negotiations, the administration would also seek to push forward with completion of the Uruguay Round of trade talks as a way to remove

"We believe that the markets of our trading partners should be comparably open to those in the United States." Mr. Kantor said.

The 275-page report targets a number of foreign trade practices ranging from general import barriers and discriminatory government procurement policies to the use of standard-setting to keep foreign goods out of a country. The report also lists countries it alleges are fuiling to protect American copyrights and patents

The administration has until the end of April to select from the list a priority group of nations from intensive negotiations

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET



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In addition to Japan, other

countries accused of having trade

barriers were Argentina, Austra-

lia. Brazil. Canada, Chile, China.

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Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia. Singapore. In practice, however, both South Africa. Spain, Sweden, countries usually find a way to resolve the trade dispute before Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Along with the 12-nation EC. another trading bloc cited by the report was the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a trading collec-tion of Gulf Arab states.

## Task force tries to vacuum up Hoover fiasco

LONDON (R) - A management task force is trying to sort out a promotional nightmare at Hoover Europe after three executives were fired when a free-flights scheme backfired.

"Chiefs are sacked as free flights cost Hoover £20 million (\$30 million)," said the Daily Telegraph newspaper in a banner headline. The tabloid Daily Express added: "Hoover axes fiasco

Maytag Corp. the company's U.S. owners, announced the dismissals and admitted it would face a \$30 million charge to compensate customers who bought Hoover products on the promise of free flights to the United States and Europe.

"These promotions were flawed and we are taking strong steps to rectify the situation. Leonard Hadley, Maytag's chairman and chief excutive

Up to 200,000 people in Britain and Ireland are estimated to have bought a Hoover product worth at least £100 (\$150) to qualify for two free air tickets to Europe Of America worth up to £400 (\$600). The promotion, from August

to October last year, was designed to boost sales but Hoover's marketing team underestimated the impact of the sales gimmick. "Subject to the terms and conditions of the promotion. Hoover

will honour its commitment 1 its customers," a company/.spokeswoman in Britain said. Travel companies working on the promotion could not keep up

with demand and press reports said Hoover was negotiating with British Airways to buy up to 20,000 extra tickets to destinations in the United States and Europe. Customers who entered the

promotion had to comply with many complicated conditions attached to the offer, but the prospect of a cheap dream holiday helped applicants overcome most of the red tape.

"It was a great idea that was badly managed." a Hoover spokesman admitted.

# BIS report shows daily world foreign exchange turnover at \$880 billion

er in the world's foreign exchange markets grew by an estimated 42 per cent to \$880 billion a day in April 1992 from April 1989, a Bank for International Settlements (BIS) report has said.

The foreign exchange market has in the past crushed attempts by central banks to guide currency movements, and even forced governments to rethink monetary and fiscal policy.

But the pace of growth slowed sharply from the previous threevear period, when turnover in the countries surveyed roughly doubled, the Basie-based bank for central bankers said.

Derivative instruments, designed to protect investors from adverse exchange rate movements, expanded fast, while bread-and-butter dealings in straightforward currency transactions, the so-called spot market.

nereased only slowly, it added, The report compiled surveys conducted in April last year by 26 central banks and monetary authorities and gave a snapshot of foreign exchange markets in that

month — a period when no

economic events occurred which might have influenced dealing. Spot trading volume showed

the most pronounced slowdownin volume growth, with global turnover rising a scant 15 per cent in the latest three-year period. the report said.

Although turnover in derivatives ballooned, the pace of growth was slower than in the prior similar period.

The fastest growing segment of the market was options, where turnover more than doubled. though these still accounted for only four per cent of reported exchange market activity.

Options allow an investor to buy or sell a currency at some time in the future but he is not obliged to do so.

The U.S. dollar held the preeminent position in dealings. playing a role in 83 per cent of all foreign exchange trades, the report said. But its lead declined from 90 per cent in 1989 with yen volume also down at 24 per cent. of the total.

The mark has taken up this slack and is now a party to 38 per

LONDON (R) — Global turnov- dramatic political, financial or cent of all trades, putting it a solid second to the dollar.

By currency pairs, dollar/mark trades account formore than onequarter of total turnover, and dollar/yen and dollar/sterling for an additional one-fifth and onetenth respectively. Trades between currencies in the European Monetary System made up a further seven per cent of net volume.

London built on its status as the premier centre for foreign exchange, pushing its share of business to nearly 30 per cent in April, 1992, from 25 per cent in 89. New York's share grew slightly, while Tokyo's tell by three percentage points

The combined share of these three major centres rose slightly to nearly 60 per cent, the report

The next four most important centres, Singapore, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Germany together accounted for about 25 per cent of the deals. Among the smaller countries, Spain, Greece and the three Scandinavian countries excluding Norway all registered large increases in turnov-

# Survey suggests U.S. consumers losing faith

NEW YORK (AP) - U.S. consumer confidence fell for the third straight month in March as anxiety over layoffs, slow growth and possible tax hikes overshadowed President Bill Clinton's plans for economic expansion, a survey reported Tuesday.

The widely followed assessment by the Conference Board research group suggested a marked shift from the buoyant public mood after the 1992 presdential election. It indicated consumers are likely to reduce spending in the months ahead.

"The household sentiment that we saw late last year had a lot to do with pyschological factors... (about having) a new president, a chance for economic growth, said William Sullivan, an economist for Dean Witter, Discover and Co. "(But) the harsh reality of a sluggish economy apparently

is beginning to grind down confi-The Conference Board index of consumer confidence declined nearly six points to 62.6, compared with a 68.5 reading in February, 76.7 reading in January

and a 78.1 reading in December. The March reading was the lowest level since July, although significantly higher than a year ago, when the index totalled 56.5, and from the recession readings of 50 or lower.

The index, calculated on a base of 100, is derived from a survey sent to 5,000 households nationwide, which covers questions ranging from home-buying plans to local job conditions.

It's regarded as an important indicator of household financial and employment security, which plays a direct role in consumer willingness to borrow and spend. Consumer spending, in turn, is responsible for about two-thirds of the nation's overall economic activity.

Fewer respondents in the March survey said they planned to buy a car, a home or household furnishings like appliances in the next'six months. "The prime concern of people

continues to be jobs," said Fabian Linden, executive director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Centre. cent of survey

respondents said jobs were "hard to get," compared with nearly six per cent that said they were ʻplentiful.

business conditions as "bad,"

three times the number that called conditions "good."

While recent economic data suggests modest economic growth, consumers have been especially discouraged by an extended bout of corporate layoffs throughout the first few months of the year by major companies such as International Business Machines Corp., Boeing Co. and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Those layoffs and cutbacks show little signs of slowing down. On Monday, for example, Delta Air Lines announced it was laying off 600 pilots, and Hughes Missile Systems Co. said was eliminating about 2.000 engineering and management jobs in California and Arizona.

Economists say worries about a tax hike also are responsible for shaking American faith in the economic recovery.

"Consumer confidence had sinking ever since he unveiled his "economic plan," said Robert Brusca, chief financial economist for Nikko Securities Co. International. "Higher taxes Around 35 per cent described \ don't make people feel better \about the future.

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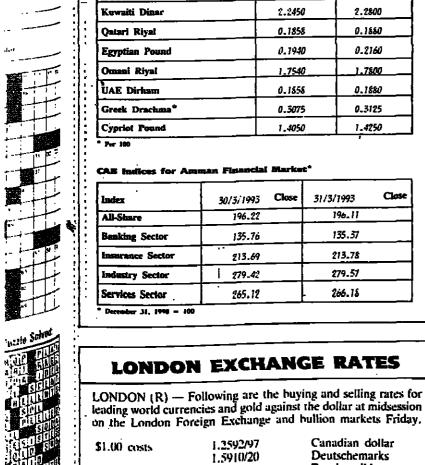
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# U.N. officials push ahead with Srebrenica evacuation plans

(Agencies) — Trucks laden with food and medicine headed for-Stebrenica Friday, and U.N. officials made plans to prevent more deaths when the same trucks evacuate Muslims trapped in the

eastern Bosnian town.
Four trucks were loaded and four were empty, said Alemka Lisinski, a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokeswoman in Zagreb.

UNHCR officials planned to unload the four trucks in Srebrenica, get refugees on board, then drive just outside the town where the empty trucks would wait, and have half the passengers board those vehicles, she said.

'This way we can achieve both our aims: To get aid to Srebrenica and avoid further tragedy in evacuating people " she said.

Evacuations were suspended Thursday after Muslim refugees were killed in the frenzy to flee. smothered in the crush or fatally injured when they fell out of the packed flatbed trucks.

Two children and four adults died Wednesday, when about 2.000 refugees crammed 14 trucks. More than 2,300 people jammed 19 trucks Monday, and at least three babies died.

Bosnian government officials protested to the United Nations, accusing it of using inhuman methods and helping the Serbs clear eastern Bosnia of Muslim inhabitants.

government-held town in eastern Bosnia. Srebrenica is the last

Friday's plans went ahead despite warnings from Bosnian Serb commanders Thursday that they would refuse more aid to Srebrenica and would allow in only empty trucks to evacuate Mus-

SEOUL (R) — Pressure was

mounting on North Korea Friday

to reconsider its decision to with-

draw from the nuclear Non-

condemned Pyongyang's refusal

to give nuclear inspectors access

to suspected nuclear plants.

Japan said China must do more to

persuade its Communist ally not

to withdraw and criticised Pek-

Gareth Evans called North

before his talks with Russian

President Boris Yeltsin start,

President Bill Clinton is trying to

muster support for Mr. Yeltsin's

reforms among both Americans

Mr. Clinton meets Mr. Yeltsin

Saturday and Sunday in the west-

ern Canadian city of Vancouver

for their first summit — a session

that will be dominated by talk of

aid increases rather than arms

the American Society of News-

paper Editors, meeting in Anna-polis, Maryland, Mr. Clinton

sought to convince Americans

they have a stake in Russia's

future, while reassuring Russians

ture of reform in Russia or any of

the other newly independent

"I know and you know that

states," Mr. Clinton told his audi-

ultimately the history of Russia

will be written by Russians, and

the future of Russia must be

cnarted by Russians," said Mr.

Clinton, who was to travel Friday

to the western U.S. state of Ore-

gon for a conference on forest

and environmental issues.

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During a speech Thursday to

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Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

The Bosnian Serbs' selfdeclared parliament was meeting Friday in Bileca, southern Bosnia, to decide whether to accept an international peace plan already accepted by their foes, the Muslims and Croats.

Russia's special envoy to Yugoslavia, Vitaly Churkin, was attending the session. His presence appears to be an effort by Russia, a traditional Serb ally, to make clear the heavy costs of rejecting the peace plan.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic Thursday denounced the U.N. Security Council decision Wednesday to enforce a no-fly zone over Bosnia and suggested it would bolster Bosnian Serb opposition to the peace

plan. The plan foresees a Bosnia-Herzegovina divided into 10 autonomous provinces. But it denies the Serbs the land links to Serbia proper and Serb-held areas of Croatia for which they have fought for a year.

Bosnian Serbs rebelled last spring after Muslims and Croats voted for independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. At least 134,000 people are dead or missing and 2 million people have

been forced to flee their homes. Norway's foreign minister, Thorvald Stoltenberg, resigned his post Friday to replace Cyrus Vance as U.N. peace negotiator for the former Yugoslav states.

Mr. Vance announced Thursday that he was stepping down. Mr. Stoltenberg said the transfer would take place this month. He is a former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, once lived in

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Mr. Evans said in

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gy Agency (IAEA) Thursday re- and adopted a resolution urging

**Pressure mounts on North** 

Korea to accept IAEA ruling

to respond to accusations from Bosnia's government that Serbs committed genocide against Mus-

During Thursday's opening session in the Hague, Bosnia asked the U.N. judicial body for

emergency protection from Serb forces it said are led and supplied by Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. Meanwhile, NATO military authorities met Friday to complete plans for U.S. and allied warplanes to patrol Bosnian airspace and shoot down intruders who violate a U.N. ban on flights.

The alliance's military committee met to discuss details of the force, likely to include up to 100 U.S., French, British and perhaps Dutch fighters, as well as rules of engagement for the mission, which is expected to start within two weeks.

Later Friday, a meeting of ambassadors from the 16 alliance nations was expected to endorse the plans, giving NATO its first military operation beyond its borders since the end of the cold war.

NATO sources said because of concern for the safety of U.N. forces already in Bosnia the fighters would probably be given orders that would allow them to shoot down intruders only after repeated warnings or if they are attacked.

Under the terms of a U.N. resolution passed Wednesday, enforcement will be confined to Bosnian airspace and any attacks against aircraft on the ground or ground installations would require further approval, except in cases of self-defence.

The Serbs — who have violated Yugoslavia and speaks Serbo- the five-month-old zone most frequently — have reacted defiantly, forecasting a widening of hostili-

tions, which has the power to

impose punitive economic sanc-

Following the IAEA decision, the United States, Russia and

Britain — guarantors of the 1968

NPT — urged North Korea to comply fully with the pact. The nuclear body, meeting in Vienna with North Korean dele-

gates present, said the Commun-

a nuclear safeguards agreement

ist state had failed to comply with

"The danger is clear if Russia's

reforms turn sour," Mr. Clinton

said. "The world cannot afford

the strife of the former Yugosla-

"By adopting the latest resolu-tion, the U.N. has committed a catastrophic mistake," Yugoslavia's Tanjug News Agency quoted Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic as saying

U.N. forces in Bosnia are now expected to prepare extra de-fences in case they are threatened by the Serbs or others.

Britain and France, who have most of the 9,000 U.N. troops in Bosnia delivering aid, are expected to insist the fighters can only shoot down planes violating the zone once clear warnings have been given, or in self-

"NATO will be firm in applying the no-fly zone but we want to avoid being unnecessarily provocative at all costs," said one alliance source who asked not to be identified.

The U.N. resolution passed Wednesday authorised military action for the first time in the former Yugoslavia and is designed to put pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to sign an interna-tional peace plan that could end the war.

The no-fly operation will be run from a NATO air headquarters at Vicenza, northeastern Italy, commanded by an Italian Air

Force general. Italian, Greek or Turkish planes could not be used because those countries are deemed to be too close to the conflict.

The U.S. contribution is expected to be F-16 fighters flying from bases in Italy or navy jets based on an aircraft carrier. Britain will send Tornado warplanes, while France has earmarked Mirage 2000 interceptors and the Netherlands has offered Flos.

## 1st French 'cohabitation' cabinet meeting businesslike

PARIS (R) - France's Socialist President François Mitterrand came face to face with his new conservative government for the first time Firday at a cabinet

That apparently avoided crossparty animosity or rivalries.

"It was pleasant," the new Prime Minister Edouard Balladur told reporters on his way out of the presidential Elysee Palace.

Mr. Mitterrand's second period of "cohabitation" with a hostile government got off to a brisk, workmanlike start with Mr. Balladur ordering quick action on unemployment, security, the inner cities and GATT world trade talks.

"We will work rapidly but proceeding calmly... we don't want to make a show of needless hysteria," Budget Minister and gov-ernment spokesman Nicolas Sarkozy said in a briefing.

Asked about the atmosphere around the oval cabinet table. Mr. Sarkozy said: "The gravity of the situation does not allow one's emotions to overflow."

He said both Mr. Mitterrand and the government had been keen to get down to work. The last period of "cohabita-

tion" in 1986-88 was marked by bruising struggles of will between Mr. Mitterrand and the then Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. Mr. Chirac is not in the cabinet

this time, preferring to focus on the 1995 presidential election race, and Mr. Bailadur has pledged a more consensual style of government.
There were nevertheless some

noticeable changes. The presidential palace and the government held separate briefings after the meeting. Both sides exchewed a group photograph on the lawn of the Elysee Palace.



Bossian Serb soldiers check a Belgian U.N. convoy at a checkpoint in Zvornik (AFP photo)

### **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Accord reached in Croatia conflict

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The Croatian government and rebel Serb have agreed in principle on a truce agreement that calls for U.N. troops to be deployed in flashpoints along the Adriatic coast, sources close to the talks said. The Croatian army shattered a year-old ceasefire in January by crossing a truce line to gain areas vital to its economic lifeline. In return, Serbs from the Krajina region stormed a U.N. compound to take back their heavy weapons. Under the new agreement, Croatia would pull back its forces within 10 days of the signing while at the same time the Serbs would return their heavy weapons to the U.N. Protection Forces (UNPROFOR). Both U.N. troops and police would then fill the vaccum as well as guard a strategic bridge,

### 2 key S. Korean generals fired

SEOUL (AP) - President Kim Young-Sam Friday fired two key generals considered loayl to past military-dominated regimes in a move to consolidate civilian control of the military. The move were part of Mr. Kim's bid to bring changes after 32 years of military intervention in politics and push ahead with broad political and economic reforms. As the first civilian president since 1961, Mr. Kim has tried to curb the power of the military and security organisations. The 65-year-old former dissident was persecuted by military-dominated regimes. In a surprise move on March 8, Mr. Kim replaced the head of the powerful Military Intelligence Agency and the Army Chief of Staff. On Friday, Lt. Gen. Ahn Byong-Ho was dismissed as head of the Capital Defence Command and Lt. Gen. Kim Hyong-Sun as commander of the army Special Warfare Command. The two are to be reassigned, but their new posts have not been announced.

### Swedish government wins key vote

STOCKHOLM (R) — The Swedish government won a vote in parliament Friday on cutting the value of benefits to the unemployed by an annual 6.2 billion Swedish crowns (\$816 million) starting on July 1. Voting in the 349-seat Riksdag (parliament) on an opposition amendment was 144 in favour, 184 against and no abstentions. Twenty-one members were absent. The result meant the four-party coalition's policy was accepted.

### Audit shows up WHO contract 'shortcomings'

GENEVA (R) — Auditors said Friday they had found "short-comings" in World Health Organisation (WHO) finances, but laid no personal blame on its Japanese chief Hiroshi Nakajima. An external sufficenducted by Britain's Sir John Bourn identifies are normal WHO procedures had not been of contracts. It called for greater scrutiny of the U.N. agence allocation of funds. Mr. Nakajima, 64, was appointed WHO director-general in 1988, but Western donor nations unhapp th his style of management tried to block his this year. Western nations have already signalled their intention to try to unseat him at the annual World Health Assembly in May.

### 4 U.S. House select committees strapped

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Four House select committees -Hunger; Narcotics, Aging; and Children, Youth, and Families have closed their doors, victims of a wave of congressional reform. Critics said the panels, which had no legislative powers, amounted to little more than publicity machines for their members. To stay in business the four committees had to be reauthorised at the beginning of each new Congress. In January, a routine vote to reauthorise the narcotics panel for two more years failed by a vote of 327-180. Democratic leaders then decided, as a symbol of congressional budgetary and organisational reform, to let the three other select committees expire by not scheduling a floor vote on their extension. The panels spent about \$3.7 million a year; their closing will save about \$2.7 million for the remainder of the current budget year.

### Bruce Lee's son killed by bullet

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — A .44-caliber bullet was removed from the body of actor Brandon Lee, raising questions about whether his death during filming of an action-adventure movie was accidental. "We don't have enough information to make a determination one way or the other," Police Capt. L.P. Thomas said. Lee, son of the late martial arts actor Bruce Lee, died Wednesday about 12 hours after he was shot with a prop gun that was supposed to be loaded with blanks. "There's a lot of rumour and speculation, but there's nothing to suggest it was anything other than an accident," said Jeremy Walker, a spokesman for the production company for the movie, The Crow. The bullet entered Lee's abdomen and lodged against his spine, Dr. Warren W. McMurry said after operating on him, but he didn't remove the bullet during surgery.

# organs. **Results of AIDS**

RIGA, Latvia (R) — A senior official of the British company which makes the AIDS drug AZT cast doubt Friday on a study which found no evidence that it delayed the onset of the killer

drug study

questioned

Andrew Revell of Wellcome PLC, in Latvia for a two-day conference on AIDS, told Reu-

ters AZT still had a big role to play in combating the disease.

He noted many patients had dropped out of the study, whose results were published Friday in the Lorest medical journal, and the Lancet medical journal, and said he was not sure whether the report was representative.

"I would cast doubts on the results of the information, but even if the result is right I would still intervene (with medical treatment) early to help the quality of life of those living with HIV —

The study, the most compre-hensive trial of the drug yet, concluded there was no evidence that taken by HIV sufferers it delayed the onset of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

## Chances for Nr. Ireland peace talks reduced

DUBLIN (R) - Protestant unionists have reacted angrily to Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds's defence of the Irish constitution, significantly reducing the chances of resuming Northern Ireland peace talks

The unionists, who want the province to remain British, accused Mr. Reynolds of being belfigerent in a speech to the Dublin parliament Thursday.

Their dismissal of his speech virtually put paid to any lingering hopes of an early resumption to peace talks to try to end one of the world's longest-running guerrilla conflicts.

Britain is trying to return Northern Ireland to some form of local power-sharing government after two decades of direct rule from London. The talks collapsed last year.

The sticking point for the unionists is the territorial claim in the Irish constitution to Northern

Ireland. Mr. Reynolds told parliament

the present constitution meant a great deal to Northern Irish nationalists.

"Any attempt in a political vacuum to walk away from constitutional republicanism would be a very dangerous exercise and would most certainly provide a new recruiting platform for ter-

# for April Fool's joke

PEKING (AP) — One of China's stiff official newspapers pulled a rare April fool's joke, but Friday its editors said the joke was on them. The editorial office of the China Youth Daily (Zhongguo Qingnian Bao) published an apology on the front page for Thursday's prank, which consisted of a full page of fake news stories. Among the stories: An announcement that Ph.D. holders are exempt from the onechild limit, and that a major eastern city was installing pipes to deliver beer-on-tap to residents' homes. There were several warnings on the page that the stories were not true, but the editors said some readers were still fooled. This action is not suited to the normal reading habits of Chinese," they wrote. "We feel that it was not serious, so we apologise to society and our readers." No other newspapers made. any attempt at humour on April Fool's Day, a Western custom

### China increases pressure on Hong Kong; appoints more advisers Hong Kong until 1997, and is a ers is a legislator directly elected fulfil an ambition to become Brit-As chairman of the Conservafar greater threat to British au-

PEKING (AP) — China prepared to appoint 49 Hong Kong advisers Friday in another move to bypass British input in preparing for the colony's transfer of power in 1997.

They join a first group of 44 Hong Kong advisers who were appointed last spring to two-year terms. For the first time, the advisory group includes three expatriates. Most notable among them is a former acting governor, Sir David Akers-Jones.

The advisers are expected to play a key role in preparing for the transfer of power and are prime candidates for posts in the first post-1997 government. In addition, the Chinese legisl-

ature decided Wednesday to set up a formal preparatory committee made up of both Hong Kong residents and Chinese govern-

ment officials. That committee could be the seed of a "shadow government" that would rival British rule in

"Our goal must be to ensure that the Russian people soon come to feel that they are the

victims," he said.

Americans to increasing foreign aid while domestic programmes are cut back, stressed the perils that would arise if the reform movement failed.

thority than the loose advisory

pressure Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten to drop his proposal

for expanding popular participa-tion in local legislative elections.

It is believed to be adding more

China insists that Mr. Patten's

proposal violates previous Sino-British agreements and makes it

impossible for the two sides to

cooperate in the future of Hong

The new advisers picked by

Peking are mostly businessmen,

professionals and politicians sym-

pathetic to Peking's Communist

China has pledged that the

advisory group will reflect Hong

Kong's diverse population. For

that reason, it has wanted to

However, none of the 93 advis-

government

appoint expatriates.

advisers for the same reason.

China created the committee to

essential that we act prudently but urgently to do all that we can to strike a strategic alliance with Russian reform. Mr. Clinton will unveil his plan

end of his two-day exchange with

for helping Russia Sunday at the lie with efforts that enhance our

Mr. Yeltsin - who has been locked in a power struggle with Russia's top legislature, escaping a bid to impeach him by just 72 In an unusual direct appeal to the Russian people, Mr. Clinton

said, "as you seek to build a great tomorrow for Russia upon a foundation of democracy and commerce, I speak for Americans everywhere when I say we are with you for we share this bond.

beneficiaries of reform and not its Mr. Clinton's aid plan was ex-Mr. Clinton, hoping to over-

come the opposition of some

via replicated in a nation as big as Russia, spanning 11 time zones, with an armed arsenal of nuclear "The interests of all Americans

security and our prosperity," he said. "That's why our interests lie with Russian reform and with Russian reformers led by Boris Yeltsin.' 'We must act now - not out of

charity, but because it is a wise investment," Mr. Clinton said of the struggle to turn the former bastion of communism into a

capital of democracy.
"While our efforts will entail new costs, we can reap even larger dividends for our safety and our prosperity if we act now," he said.

An administration official said pected to include more than \$500 million for the current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

Another official said the money would be in addition to \$700million that Clinton has asked Congress to approve for the next

by the people - even though ish prime minister. pro-democracy liberals swept 17 out of the 18 available seats in

1991 elections. Sir David, who has lived half his life in Hong Kong and was once the No. 2 man in the British colonial government, has publicly criticised Mr. Patten's democra-

tisation plan. He said he wanted to be an adviser "because I want to do what I can to strengthen cooperation and understanding between Hong Kong and China."

He called it an important task "at a time when other channels of communication are failing to open up fresh channels."

When the new advisers left for Peking Thursday, they were met by about 20 protesters at the Hong Kong airport who accused them of selling out to China. Meanwhile, Mr. Patten has admitted he is unlikely ever to

In an interview with Cable

News Network (CNN) broadcast Friday, Mr. Patten also said that vitriolic personal attacks from Peking had only strengthened support back home for his plans to widen the British colony's democracy.

Peking controlled media have repeatedly alleged that Mr. Pat-ten's real motive is to grab per-sonal glory to revive his British political career which abruptly ended when the cabinet minister lost his parliamentary seat last

"I don't think I'll ever be Brit-ish prime minister," he told talk show host Larry King in an interview recorded a week ago. But he added: "I'm not saying I

wouldn't have liked to have been (prime minister) at different stages of my career because every politician wants to get to the

tive Party, Mr. Patten organised Prime Minister John Major's election victory last year but took on the job of governing Hong Kong in the run up to its 1997 return to China when he lost his

own constituency.

Mr. Patten rejected speculation that Mr. Major, beset by economic and political problems, might not last long and this would open the way for his comeback. "The present prime minister is about my age, he's extremely good and he's going to be there a

long time," he said.

Mr. Patten also indicated his liberal political views would not be acceptable to right-wing Conservatives. "I'm from the left of my party and I think it's quite difficult to imagine someone from my stable becoming leader," he

However, he did say he wanted to continue in "public service" after his term in Hong Kong and

in one recent interview he hinted be was interested in the foreign secretary's job. China, determined not to let

border, has fought tooth and nail to sink Mr. Patten's plans since he announced them in October.

Pakine's media mouthnices

Pakine's media mouthnices have resorted frequently to personal abuse in the campaign and speculation has surfaced in the

colony that London might recall Mr. Patten to defuse the row. But Mr. Patten repeated assurances that he planned to stay in Hong Kong until the 1997 handover, saying he had the full sup-port of Mr. Major and the British

question that he might be re-Pritain's Hong Kong policy probably had wider cross-party support in parliament than any time in the past 20 years.

"Paradoxically, I think one of the consequences of the personalisation of the attack is that Chinese officials - which I don't think they meant to happen any form of Western-style demohave further strengthened our cracy take root on its southern position," he said.

> the latest survey published in the Hong Kong Economic Times, showed 50 per cent still backed his reforms compared with 30 per cent against and 20 per cent "don't knows."

Mr. Patten, who is due to visit Washington in early May, said he was not actively seeking President Bill Clinton's support.

But with Hong Kong a key part cabinet, and that there was no of the world economy, he said Washington naturally had a strong interest in maintaining the territory's success, something that could be achieved only by preserving its present free way of life after 1997.

### Siamese twins separated

CAPE TOWN (R) --- A team of eight South African surgeons separated 10-month-old Siamese twin girls joined at the pelvis in a 14-hour operation Thursday. Hospital officials said Friday the girls. Catherine and Helena Kock, had a reasonable chance of Kock, had a reasonable chance of being able to walk normally. The girls had been able only to lie on their backs. They had separate but fused pelvic bones and lower spines, one kidney each and shared a colon and some sexual

### Thieves seek ransom for Japanese cartoonist's bones

TOKYO (R) — Grave robbers have demanded a ransom for the bones of one of Japan's bestloved cartoonists, a police spokesmen said Friday. Family members told police last week that robbers had taken the bones of Machiko Hasegawa from ber grave in a Tokyo suburb and sent a letter demanding money and a picture of the urn containing her bones. On police instruction, the family followed the extortionists' demands and placed an advertisement in a newspaper to indicate they were ready to pay. There was no response. A second letter arrived Friday, but police declined to discuss the case further. 'I'm afraid there are some things that we cannot release because of the uniqueness of the case," one spokesman said. The daily Mainichi Shimbun said it would have taken more than one person to lift the gravestone, which weighs about 150 kilogrammes. The work of Hasegawa, one of Japan's earliest cartoonists, was widely enjoyed in newspapers, television and books until her death last May at the age of 72. One of her most successful creations was the Isono Family, which spanned three generations and had seven members.

### The Mao jacket may be gone for good

PEKING (AP) — A bastion of socialist fashion in China is on the way out, the victim of Western influence. The Mao jacket is no collared coat was standard attire for millions of Chinese for decades. It became known in the West as the Mao jacket, named after revolutionary leader Mao Tse-Tung. But its association with old-guard Communists has steadily eroded its popularity in recent years and the Westernstyle jacket with lapels is back. Whenever television news anchors switch from doublebreasted suits to Mao suits, viewers start to fear a return to hardline policies. The Meidu Clothing Factory in Peking, renowned for its Mao suits, stopped making the jackets last year because it already had warehouses stuffed with several tens of thousands of them, the Peking daily reported.
The factory was forced to slash
prices by 60 per cent, but it and other manufacturers of Mao jackets are still having a hard time finding outlets. When one of Peking's new fashionable department stores opened last year, they set up a Mao suit counter, but business was so bad that they got rid of it. Major department stores, which serve thousands of customers a day, sell only four to five Mao suits on an ordinary day, the paper said. But the paper said the Mao suit can be saved if manufacturers target middle-aged and old people, and peasants from the countryside. The paper quoted an official of the Peking Clothing Co. as saying that with new mate-

## rials, colours and styles, the Mao suit would win back buyers. Paper apologises

that few Chinese have beard